THE WEATHER
The indications are that it will be cloudy, probably snow tonight and and Sunday, fresh northerly to easterly winds increasing in force.

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LATEST

GARDNER IS ILL

Lowell Boxer is in a Serious Condition

Michael Cushing, clerk at the Belvidere hotel received a telegram from George Gardner who is in Butte, Montana, saying that he is seriously ill and requesting Mr. Cushing to start for Butte at once. The telegram states that Gardner has pneumonia and that his temperature at the time the telegram was sent was 105. Jimmy Gardner is in Butte, but he too is sick, having been seized with a severe cold two days before he fought Jack O'Keefe. Mr. Cushing will go to Butte if he can make arrangements to absent himself from his work.

BANDITS BUSY

Chinese are Annoying the Guard

HARBIN, Nov. 16.—"Back and forth along the railway, now that there is not much in the way of active fighting," writes a staff correspondent of the Associated Press, "one meets many interesting acquaintances, nearly all of whom have something of interest to add to the general story of the war. Coming up the last time across the Hsun river, I was put up for the night by the bridge guard, clever, companionable fellows, with some very intelligent Chinese assistants. There is an iron bridge across the river with a cosy little house at the end and a boat patrolling the river beneath to guard against sudden descents of the Chinese bandits, who are always on the alert to annoy the lines of communication, even if they cannot cut them. But the railway guard is a mobile organization and can concentrate a strong force up or down the line at short notice, while the guard boat makes the river banks untenable for an enemy.

"One of the Chinamen on guard at the bridge is a very intelligent fellow from the southern provinces and he predicts sweeping changes in China when this war is over. He does not speak as though he regarded Manchuria as an integral part of China. He said:

"Whoever wins in this war, is going to take Manchuria whether it is Japan or Russia. China will not care much. But when the war is over you are going to see changes in China's international economy. There are a great many of us especially in the south, who have studied the question thoroughly. We know what we want in the way of Chinese reforms and we are going to get them after this war on the border is out of the way."

On a promotory high above the Itsum is perched a pretty little Chinese village and here is established one of the neat, clean and compact little zemstvo hospitals. One of the doctors had much to say of the wounded of whom he has handled hundreds and seen thousands.

"Curiously enough," said he, "the majority of our wounded are shot in the head. I attribute this to the shrapnel bursting in the air. The Japanese artillery has been responsible for the most of our casualties thus far. It is much the most effective arm of the Japanese service.

"We have many examples of the stoicism and devotion of the soldiers who come under our care. I was attending a dying Cossack recently. He was in terrible pain. I stopped him to ask if at the end what message he had to send to his parents or relatives. But instead he gave me the number of his rifle, told me where it was, and requested that it should be sent to his commander.

"In to field hospitals the men are put 25 in a tent. They preserve their discipline even in bed and elect one of their tent mates, usually one of the less severely wounded, as commander. In Harbin, the volunteer surgeons and nurses have been a blessing."

"One of the things that will need some explaining when the war is over, is how the Chinese bandits got their arms. The majority of them carry Winchesters but there are many Mausers and Japanese rifles among them and strangest of all, many Russian rifles from the government factory, evidently rifles that have been rejected by the inspectors but which could not have come into the hands of the bandits unless they had been stolen and illicitly sold.

"There was an artillery officer in the station at Mukden when I last passed through. He had been through seven battles and had the St. George's cross. His views as an expert were interesting. He holds that the average Russian artillery is the equal of the Japanese while their latest quick firers are better. But in the earlier fighting he says the Japanese proved better gunners and more adaptable in placing and making their batteries. The Russian guns in the earlier fights always occupied the crests of hills and fired point blank. The result was that they were knocked out by the Japanese batteries every time. But no wthe Russians are using little except high angle fire. It is not unusual to have a battery 200 yards in the rear of a hill top and the firing is governed entirely by telephone and signals.

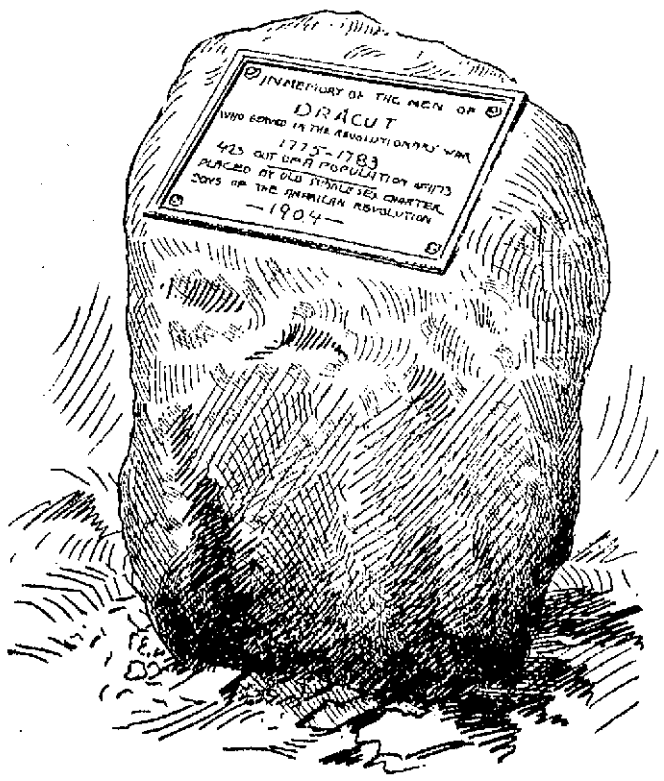
"The result is that now the Russian artillery more than holds its own with the Japanese."

GEN. STOESSEL AMONG WOUNDED

LONDON, Dec. 17.—General Stoessel, the Russian military commander at Port Arthur, according to a despatch from Chefoo to the Daily Telegraph, has again been wounded, this time by a rifle bullet. The correspondent adds that the wound is not serious.

JAPANESE BOATS WERE IN COLLISSION

MOJI, Japan, Dec. 17.—The Japanese transport Manshu and the hospital ship Rohilla were in collision today off Shimonoseki. Both were damaged. The Rohilla was reached and the sick and wounded soldiers were safely landed.



THE BOULDER AND TABLET PRESENTED THE TOWN OF DRACUT TODAY BY DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION. (Photo by Rounds).

NINE LIVES LOST

In Glen Island Steamer Burned Off Long Island

Repetition of the Slocum Disaster With Less Loss of Life--The Passengers Surrounded by Flames While They Slept

By the burning of the Starin line steamer Glen Island in Long Island Sound today, nine lives were lost and property roughly estimated at a quarter of a million dollars was destroyed. That more lives were not sacrificed undoubtedly was due to the personal courage of the officers and crew and the excellent discipline maintained when a horrible death for all seemed almost a certainty. When the steamer was abandoned she was flame swept from stem to stern and yet the only persons who lost their lives were those whose escape had been entirely cut off by the fire before the alarm reached them. Of the 31 persons including 10 passengers who sailed away on the Glen Island last night, 22 including eight passengers were brought back today.

The dead are:

Passengers:

UNKNOWN HEBREW WOMAN, said to have resided at 26 Hamilton street, New Haven.

UNKNOWN MAN, supposed to be a New Yorker.

Crew:

W. HENDRICKSON, Asst. engineer.
LUMAN MILLER, fireman.
JOHN BURKE, fireman.
OTTO T. ALOFRAN, fireman.
O. HERB, deck hand.
PETER BENSEN, deck hand.

Among the passengers rescued were: Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Street, New Haven; two daughters of the Streets; Max Levin, New York; Nathan Dublin, 252 Cedar street, New Haven; Arthur Wallace, Wallingford, Conn.

The Glen Island left her dock here at 9.30 last night on her regular trip for New Haven. There were 10 passengers and a crew of 21 men including Captain Charles E. McAllister, first mate Ira Larsen, Pilot Thomas McMullen and Quartermaster John O'Brien. The trip down through the sound was without incident and just before midnight when about three miles this side of Greenwich, Conn. Captain McAllister left the pilot house and went below for his midnight lunch. At this time there was no indication of trouble, but hardly had the captain reached the galley when there came a rush of stifling smoke from the hold of the steamer and every electric light on board the craft was extinguished.

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SCHOONER AFIRE

Off Diamond Shoals at Baltimore

LEFT PORT TAMPA FOR PHILADELPHIA

She Belongs at Portland, Me., Worth $2500

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—The cruiser Topeka which passed in Cape Henry, Va., at 7 o'clock this morning reports that the schooner Clara Goodwin from Port Tampa for Philadelphia was afire off Diamond shoals.

BELONGS IN PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, Maine, Dec. 17.—The schooner Clara Goodwin, which was seen burning off Diamond Shoal halls from this port. She is a large vessel of 945 gross tonnage and 846 net. She was built at Bath in 1887. Her length is 191.2 feet, beam 38.8, and her depth of hold 18.6.

The Goodwin usually carries a crew of eight.

The schooner was owned by J. S. Winslow & Co. of this city, and was valued at $25,000.

She carried a cargo of phosphate rock from Port Tampa to Philadelphia and was commanded by Captain P. J. Ostman of Portland.

The crew of eight men were shipped here September 23. The Goodwin sailed light at that time for Boston where she loaded for Key West. From there she went to Port Tampa and loaded for Philadelpha. The crew which was shipped here consisted of the following:

E. S. McINTYRE, mate.
J. SMITH, engineer.
H. SEAFORD, cook.
OSCAR OLESON, seaman.
W. B. CLARK, seaman.
WELLAND WALTEROUS, seaman.
FELIX WIDELL, seaman.
A. G. OLESON, seaman.

PLUCKY WOMEN

DESERVES RECOGNITION BY THE CHARITABLE.

Don't be selfish!

Christmas is near at hand and the ordinary mind is filled with thoughts of Christmas presents. There are many things more important than the buying of Christmas presents and some that are productive of a great deal more pleasure.

There are a great many poor families in Lowell who are worthy the sympathy and assistance of all who can afford to give. The attention of The Sun has been called to several poor families and The Sun has made mention of them in its columns.

Today The Sun learned of a family in hard circumstances and visited the family in question. The house was clean and everything about the place was scrupulously neat but the wood box, the pantry and coal bin were empty. A brave little woman, struggling to push back her tears, told the reporter her story and instead of trying to have conditions appear worse than they really were the little woman with the sad, white face and the clean apron struggled to look ahead to better times. That little woman not only deserves your sympathy and assistance but her name should go down in history as one of the brave women of her time.

Her husband died five years ago leaving her to care for seven small children. Since her husband's death she has earned money by scrubbing floors and washing clothes and there have been times since her husband died that the wolf of hunger barked at the door and he is still on the premises. The woman's oldest child, a boy 19 years old, is an invalid and is now at the city hospital. The only boy able to work has now been out of employment for several weeks. The others are too young to work. Some winter clothing for the boys and the little girl would be much appreciated by this brave and fond little mother. Her address can be obtained at this office.

A. O. H. BAZAAR

AWARDS MADE BY DIVISION 8, A. O. H.

The bazaar of Division 2, A. O. H., held recently, was a great success. The attendance was very large and the financial returns ahead of expectations. The following awards were made:

Season tickets: Ten dollar gold piece, Mary J. O'Mally, 55 Rock street; ton of coal, Patrick Curtin, 211 Church street; barrel of flour, Patrick Brennan, 39 Elliott street; chest of tea, Frank Martin, 34 Cady street; pair of shoes, John Walsh, 779 Westford street; tub of butter, John D. Finegan, 732 Lawrence street.

Auxiliary table—Chest of tea, Mary E. Culliton, 4 Frye street; tub of butter, James McCann, 15 Walnut street; rocking chair, Margaret Marshall, 12 Congress street; box of cigars, John Haligan, Talbot street, South Lowell; boys' suit of clothes, Thos. Kane, 6 Griffin street; portrait of Rev. J. P. Reynolds awarded to Lizzie Purcell, 180 Charles street; fancy rocker, M. A. Kenney, 7 Fairmount street.

Immaculate Conception table—Box of cigars, Joe White, 197 Perkins street; plaster caste of Madonna, Hugh Garrity Washington house; pair of shoes, Annie Cassidy, St. Patrick's home; parlor clock, Lizzie Hanley, 147 Fayette street; gas lamp, Polly McCoy, Wamesit; picture of St. Anthony, Nellie Manning, 113 Lawrence street; boy's suit of clothes, Caster Carey 1 Fenwick street; rifle, James Fall, 511 Lawrence street; gold watch awarded to Michael Donohoe, 560 Broadway.

CONTEMPTIBLE HOAX

GEORGE BURNS REPORTED DEAD IS ALIVE.

A contemptible hoax has been perpetrated not only upon The Sun but upon Mrs. George Burns of the Navy Yard, Dracut. Yesterday morning an employe of The Sun who resides in Dracut received a letter stating that George Burns, a weaver at the Navy Yard, died in a Boston hospital. The Sun not satisfied to take the statement of an unsigned letter telephoned to the Navy Yard, and sure enough Hodge and Stevens had been notified by telephone that George Burns was dead at a Boston hospital.

Mrs. Burns today called at The Sun office for information and waited while we telephoned the morgue and several hospitals, but no news could be found of any such death.

Then a brother of Mrs. Burns decided to go to Boston but before going went to see a relative of the man supposed to be dead and there found George Burns alive and well.

When Mrs. Burns saw the letter received at The Sun office she said it looked like her husband's writing. If he wrote that he played a most contemptible trick, not only upon his wife but upon this paper and one for which he may yet be punished. When found he said he was about to come to The Sun office to contradict the report instead of hurrying to notify his wife and relatives. The matter will be investigated.

MINISTER DECLINES CALL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Dr. Wm. T. Manning, Vicar of St. Agnes and recently elected assistant rector of Trinity church has declined a call from Harrisburg, Pa., as bishop of that diocese of the Episcopal church. His acceptance of the assistant rectorship and the declination of the offer of the See of Harrisburg follow a spirited contest which has been waged during 10 days past between many prominent Pennsylvanians and the Trinity interests. The vicars decision was to remain here however, and it is probable that upon the retirement of Dr. Morgan Dix he will become spiritual head of the Great Trinity corporation.

FUNERALS

CORRIGAN—The remains of the late James Corrigan, the young man who was asphyxiated by gas at his room, 52 Tyler street, Thursday morning, were consigned to their final resting place in the Catholic cemetery this morning. The funeral took place at 8.30 o'clock from the home of his father, 26 Summer street, and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased. A high mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Peter's church at nine o'clock by Rev. Hugh J. McDermod. The choir was in attendance and sang the Gregorian mass during the service and appropriate selections were rendered by the members of the choir.

The bearers were Messrs. James Regan, George Duffy, Joseph Donovan, Edward Johnson, William O'Connell and Joseph Ackland.

The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. McDermod. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director John F. Rogers.

ISABELLA TABLE MEETS.

The Isabella table, connected with the K. of C. carnival and which is known by some as the Mathews' table, owing to that organization lending its assistance to the project, held a meeting at the M. T. I. quarters last evening, with a large number of ladies present. The business meeting i nthe early evening was presided over by Chairman Hunt. Later the main hall was cleared for dancing, which was enjoyed until midnight.

The officers of the dane were: Floor marshal, Charles J. Defoe; aids, Bernard McNally, Wm. Higgins, Jas. F. Rourke, John J. Lyons, Walter E. Flaherty and John J. Coyne.

LOCAL SYNDICATE

Wants Old B. & M. Depot for Big Hall

The Sun's Scheme for Hall and Market on White Lot to be Applied to B. & M. Station by Syndicate

It is understood that a syndicate, in which several local men are interested intends to turn the train sheds of the old Boston & Maine depot in Central street into a public hall and market. It appears that some Boston railroad officials have also a hand in the affair.

Architect Harry Graves has been engaged to draw plans.

To a representative of The Sun Mr. Graves stated that he had been approached by a syndicate to draw plans for the erection of such a building but he did not care to divulge the names of the people. It is understood, however, that one or two of them belong in this city while the others are of Boston and cities and towns in the vicinity.

The syndicate evidently wants its movements kept quiet until it has perfected all its plans and is ready to go ahead.

The train shed of the local station in Central street has been on the hands of the railroad for a number of years, the front portion of the building being occupied by the New England Telephone and Telegraph company of this city, and a part further back by Auctioneer Keyes.

It has been understood that the railroad authorities have been trying to do something with the train shed of the building for a number of years and not until the recent agitation for a public market and hall was there anything thought of turning the building into a public hall. It is thought that if the railroad people could devise plans to have the building changed over in order to make a market and hall out of it without a great expense the project would be pushed ahead.

The scheme which The Sun proposed for the city on the White lot is being taken up to be adopted on the old Boston and Maine station and the city will then be the loser. The site is wholly unsuitable but if the people have no more convenient place they may go there. An act of the legislature will be needed to give the Boston and Maine permission to close or dispose of the station in this way.

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At the same time ask him what he thinks of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. He will know all about it, for we send doctors the formula. For over 60 years doctors have endorsed it for coughs, colds, weak lungs, bronchitis, asthma. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

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58 Central St.

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Surplus, - - - - 242,757.35

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Elevator For Sale

Good hand elevator with mechanism complete, formerly used in the H. B. Shattuck hardware store. May be seen in running order at 50 Central street. Will sell cheap.

INQUIRE AT THE SUN OFFICE.

ONLY
2 More Days
Of the Great Furniture Sale of the A. A. Parent Bankrupt Stock

$1.65 for 2 more days buys a $3.75 Oak Rocker
$1.95 for 2 more days buys a $4.50 Rocker
$2.25 for 2 more days buys a $4.50 Iron Bed
$2.50 for 2 more days buys a $3.75 Polish Oak Table
$3.95 for 2 more days buys a $6 00 Velour Couch
$4.75 for 2 more days buys a $7.50 Parlor Mirror
$7.75 for 2 more days buys a $12.50 Refrigerator
$12.75 for 2 more days buys a $16.50 Oak Buffet
$19.50 for 2 more days buys a $28.50 Oak Sideboard
$19.50 for 2 more days buys a $30 5 piece Parlor Set
$15.75 for 2 more days buys a $22.50 Chamber Set

SPECIAL — The Furniture Wagon used by A. A. Parent in his business. It has high sides, suitable for carrying Coke, Wood, Etc. Price $40. It's worth $65.

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OATH OF VENGEANCE

Aged Witness Says All Had to Take It

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—The first witness in the Senator Smoot inquiry today was Mrs. Annie Elliott of Price, Utah. She is an elderly lady who went from Denmark to Utah in 1872 and left the Mormon church in 1896. She was asked to tell about the obligations taken in the Temple. In a voice shaken with emotion, Mrs. Elliott said that the obligations were so indelicate she could not bear to repeat them. Chairman Burrows told her to take her own time and not to be embarrassed.

The witness said the first oath administered to those who participated was that if they did not want to go any further and take the oaths they should turn back and go out. Mrs. Elliott slowly repeated the oaths of vengeance and the penalties for revealing the ceremonies. After saying that each person taking the endowments agrees to have his or her throat cut Mrs. Elliott said she could go no further. Urged by Chairman Burrows the witness told of other penalties which have been described by other witnesses. At the request of Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Elliott described the garments worn by Mormons who have taken endowments. Senator Overman asked if every Mormon in good standing is compelled to wear the the garments and the witness said that all such Mormons wear the garments as underclothing.

Looking at Senator Smoot, Senator Overman asked the witness if she was sure every Mormon in good standing in the committee room had the garments on.

"Yes sir, they have." The reply provoked laughter and the witness repeated "I know they all have them on."

Senator Foraker asked the witness if she had ever heard of the endowment house penalties being enforced against any one. She said she had not.

Mr. Taylor asked if she were likely to suffer by reason of giving testimony here. Mrs. Elliott said she expected that her business would suffer.

ARTILLERY BATTLE ALONG CENTRE

MUKDEN, Dec. 16—Upon the arrival of General Kaulbars commander of the Third army, here today from Harbin, he was received by a guard of honor headed by a band of music and by Generals Sakharoff and Bilderling. He made a brief speech conveying the emperor's greetings. General Kaulbars then continued his journey to Changlamutun, General Kuropatkin's headquarters, where he has a conference with General Kuropatkin.

A brick cannonade is progressing along the center. The Japanese are supplying the Chinese troops in the neighborhood of Sinminting, about 30 miles west of Mukden, with artillery. They have already delivered 20 Krupp guns.

RUSSIANS DISGUISED BEAR MESSAGES

CHEFOO, Dec. 16, 5 p. m.—Seven Russians in civilian garb, but a military training obvious in their bearing, arrived today in an open sail boat carrying dispatches. They were unwilling to talk and went immediately to the Russian consulate. A high wind enabled them to make a quick passage from Port Arthur.

THREE EXPELLED

Brokers Dropped From Consolidated Exchange

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Three members of the Consolidated Stock Exchange have been expelled for conduct alleged to be detrimental to the interests of that institution. They are M. A. Dyett, Charles E. Strade and F. S. Colton.

M. A. Dyett is a member of the firm of Hotchking and Dyett of this city, and F. S. Colton of F. S. Colton & Co. of Boston. The two firms and Mr. Strade suspended some time since for failure to meet their obligations. Mr. Dyett was found guilty of conduct detrimental to the interests of the exchange.

SACO RIVER CLOSED.

BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 16—The Saco river is closed to navigation, the last tug and coal barge experiencing great difficulty in getting through the channel. It is one of the last Maine rivers to freeze over.

PRESIDENT WILSON ILL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton University is at the Presbyterian hospital, where he is to undergo an operation, the nature of which is not stated.

The attending physician says, however, that the patient probably will be about again within a week.

WARRANT ISSUED

For the Arrest of Burke Roche

LONDON, Dec. 16.—On the application of the treasury, warrants were issued today at Bow street police court for the arrest of J. Burke Roche and Mr. Sinnett, in connection with the transfer of the Turbine yacht Caroline to the Russians at Libau last month. As the warrants are only effective in British territory, the Scotland yard detectives will have to await the voluntary arrival of the two Irishmen in this country. The offense with which they are charged is not extraditable and Messrs. Roche and Sinnett have not shown any desire since the issue of the summonses to place themselves within reach of the British courts.

NEW TRAINER

TO HYPNOTIZE THE ANIMALS AT THE JUNGLE.

A breezy, self-confident young lady accosted Mr. Benson at the Jungle yesterday and asked to meet the manager of the show. Mr. Benson modestly acknowledged his responsibility with the answer "I am the man."

"Oh, very well. I understand you have some very dangerously ferocious animals, some that even the trainers cannot handle with any degree of safety."

"Oh, yes, quite a number," replied Mr. Benson.

"Well, I am a hypnotist and quite sure I will be able to demonstrate to you how easily even the most ferocious will yield to my powers and be forever after perfectly quiet and docile. Where is Satan?"

"Right over here," replied Mr. Benson, leading the way to the big fellow's cage.

"Did you ever see this experiment tried before?"

"No, madam, never."

"Is this Satan? Why, he doesn't look a bit unruly—is he really? You great lovely fellow; there, be quiet, stop roaming about that cage."

The lady of wonderful powers passed her hand back and forward several times and vainly tried to attract the monster's attention, being cautioned however, by Mr. Benson not to get too near, until she was quite sure she had him drowsy.

"I am afraid there are too many people here, and too much going on. Can't you have your attendants keep them back a little for a few moments?" she said.

"That will be impossible now, madam, but if you have a little spare time Sunday I will be very glad to let you go into the cage with Satan, or with the other lions on the stage there, which Mme. Schell uses in her daring exhibition, but just now I am too busy to give the attention necessary to protect you, if you did not succeed in your novel undertaking."

"Very well, I will stay a few minutes to get acquainted with them and call Sunday to continue my experiment."

When she had gone, Mr. Benson concluded that he would first let her try on Josiah, the big Java monkey, thinking he will prove a worthy subject to entertain her ladyship. There will be fun at the Jungle Sunday—if she comes.

GOVERNOR UTTER

ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF HIS STAFF.

WESTERLY, R. I. Dec. 16.—Governor-elect George Utter, who assumes office on the first of January, today announced the appointment of his personal staff as follows:

Edward E. Whipple, Westerly; Senas W. Bliss, Cranston; George Webb, Providence; Austin S. Cook, Woonsocket; Harold A. Peckham, Newport.

The governor's executive secretary will be Richard W. Jenning who assumes his duties at once.

29 YEARS FOR POLICEMAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—Arthur J. Malon, formerly a policeman, who shot and killed Robert F. Brennan in front of a Bowery resort, last May, was sentenced to 29 years imprisonment today by Recorder Goff. This is the maximum penalty for manslaughter.

ARBITRATION TREATY SIGNED.

PARIS, Dec. 16—Foreign Minister Delcasse announced at a cabinet meeting today the signing of a Franco-Swiss arbitration treaty similar to the Franco-British agreement.

If you want help at home or in your business try The Sun "Want" column.

From Late Edition Yesterday

HE IS UNDECIDED

Republicans Assure Supt. Farnham of Election

AS PERMANENT SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

He Declines to Run for City Engineer

[illegible] of the city council will meet next Tuesday night, and the city hall crowd are of the opinion that the board of aldermen having elected Chief Hosmer and confirmed Engineer Stackpole will elect Acting Superintendent Farnham to the position of superintendent of streets.

Mr. Farnham finds himself placed in a peculiar position at the present time. Republicans in great numbers have been running to him for the past few days asking him to declare his intentions for next year. They want him to run for superintendent again and assure him election and possibly a three-year term. Others have hinted that as the city council is republican and City Engineer Bowers a democrat that he might have that position if he desired it. Mr. Farnham dismissed the proposition to run for city engineer immediately even as he once dismissed a proposition to run for superintendent of the water works a few years ago when he was assured of the election. The idea of displacing another good man is one that he does not care to entertain.

In conversation with a reporter of The Sun this morning, Supt. Farnham said: "Since the city election I have been approached by a number of well wishing friends who have asked me to announce myself as a candidate for superintendent of streets, and as yet I have not made up my mind either way. I am no politician in the first place and therefore do not seek political offices. I never was a candidate for this position but went in temporarily at the request of Mayor Howe. While in here I have done the best I could and have tried to give satisfaction. I have done work where it was most needed and given work to those who most needed it. My friends tell me that I have made a good showing, and I am gratified to feel that my efforts have been appreciated. There are some very pleasant features about the position and some very unpleasant. A man with any sympathy finds it extremely hard to turn a deaf ear to some of the applicants for work, and yet it has to be done at times.

"In regard to my plans for next year, I cannot say at this time whether or not I shall be a candidate next year, despite the assurances I have received. I have a profession and I rather dislike to lose my identity in it. I am now considering the matter and later on will reach a decision. My relations with this year's city council have been very pleasant and I don't think I have made any enemies while in office."

2000 BURGHERS

ATTENDED SERVICE FOR EX-PRESIDENT KRUGER.

PRETORIA, Transvaal, Dec. 16 Two thousand Burghers attended an impressive religious service this morning prior to the burial of the body of ex-President Kruger. Several ministers of the Dutch church spoke, eulogizing the dead man for his exemplary religious life and as a lover of his people and exhorting the Boers while remaining loyal to the new flag never to forget the principles of their late leader of their own language.

An immense crowd filed through the death chamber throughout the morning. The coffin was draped with the Transvaal and Orange Free State flags and on it were the tributes of Queen Wilhelmina and the Queen mother of Holland.

DAMAGE IS HEAVY

GARRISON TURNED OUT TO FIGHT FIRE.

LONDON, Dec. 16—A dispatch to a news agency from Paris says that a large part of the Mustapha suburb of Algiers is in flame. The whole garrison has turned out to fight the fire. Damage to the extent of many millions of francs has already been done.

The Mustapha suburb of Algiers contains a population of about 80,000 souls and includes in its residence section some fine buildings and shade roads bordered by villas and gardens. It is probable that the fire occurred in the poorer section, where there are many industrial houses, etc.

BIG EXPLOSION

One Man Killed and Two Fatally Injured

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio, Dec. 16.—Effie Phipps of Rome, Ohio, was killed, Ola Smith and Mattie Rice were fatally injured and a score of others were hurt by jumping from windows after an explosion had wrecked Lloyd Adams' and Simpson's Toy Pistol factory here today. Flames cut off the escape of some and the frantic girls leaped from the second and third stories. It is believed that all of the girls succeeded in getting out.

THE BEEF TRUST.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—Representative Baker of New York today introduced a resolution requesting the attorney-general "to report to this house whether he has ascertained that the so-called "Beef Trust" is in restraint of trade; and if so, what steps he has taken under the provisions of law to cause a forfeiture of the property (in course of transportation from one state to another) of those constituting the so-called "Beef Trust."

APPLETON EMPLOYES

HELD PRETTY DANCING PARTY IN MIDDLE STREET HALL.

A very pretty dancing party was held in American Mechanics hall in Middle street last night under the auspices of the employes of the Appleton cloth room. There was a very large attendance and those who attended had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Pease & Griffith's orchestra furnished music for dancing, a program containing 20 numbers being carried out.

The success of the affair was due to the zealous and untiring work of the following efficient corps of officials:

General manager, Patrick H. Farrell; assistant general manger, Andrew Tague; floor director, Thomas Gallagher; assistant floor director, Zenside Staples; chief aid, Ethel M. Call; aids, George F. Adams, Rose Carey, Hugh Gallagher, Minnie O'Connell, Mamie Lagasse, Lillian Sanborn, Martin Gannon, Sarah Mullaney, Eva Christy, Patrick Cox, Miles Fletcher, Sadie Frye, Della Gallagher, Rena Whitney, Patrick Monahan, Sadie T. Lannon, Nellie Kerby, Bernice Hovey, William Desmond; reception committee, Joseph A. Farrell chairman, George Churchill, Albert Campbell, Walter Gibson, Gladys Woodbury, Rose Leonard, Sarah Dallagher, Bertha Whitney, Carrie Breault, Fred Sanborn, Frank Burns.

PAID WIFE'S FINE

THEN HUSBAND TOLD HER TO SHIFT FOR HERSELF.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 17.—After a search of more than a year, Frank Wilkey, a milk dealer of Dudley, Mass., has found his missing wife in this city, living with a man named Logan, who formerly worked for Wilkey.

A year ago last September Mrs. Wilkey told her husband that she wanted to visit Worcester to buy a birthday gift for one of the children. Mr. Wilkey drove her to the railroad station and had not seen his wife since until he traced her to this city. The hired man, Logan, had left Wilkey's employ some time before, and Mrs. Wilkely is believed to have been living with him many months.

In police court yesterday morning Logan was heavily fined and sent to jail to work out his sentence. Since coming to this city he has been employed for a wood and coal company.

Mrs. Wilkey was also fined, but her husband paid the fine. He then told the woman that she had forfeited all right to his protection and affection, and after giving her sufficient money to get out of the state, he returned to his home in Massachusetts.

The Wilkey home is said to be provided with all that is ordinarily understood as being adequate for happiness and comfort. Beside her husband, Mrs. Wilkey left three children and an aged mother in her home.

ANOTHER HOLD-UP

ASSAILANT MADE HIS ESCAPE IN THE DARK.

NEWTON, Dec. 17.—The second hold-up in this city within two weeks was committed early last evening within 100 yards of police station 3 on Washington street, when Ralph T. Laffie, son of Martin C. Laffie, an officer of the Newton municipal court, was assaulted by an unknown while on his way to his home at 49 Carleton street.

In the struggle Laffie, who had on his person a considerable sum of money, successfully beat off his assailant, who escaped in the darkness.

Laffie was walking along Channing street in the direction of his home, when a stranger who had been following him for some distance suddenly stepped to his side with the remark, "Hold on there, I want to see you a moment".

Laffie turned toward the man and as he did so, the latter aimed a blow at his head. Laffie eluded it and grappled with the stranger. Both men whirled from the sidewalk to the middle of the street when the unknown succeeded in loosing the hold which Laffie had upon him and ran down Channing street toward Washington.

Laffie kept him in sight until he reached the vicinity of station 3 when the man eluded him in the darkness. The officers of the station were notified as quickly as possible and Patrolmen Desmond and O'Halloran started in pursuit, but were unable to find any trace of the assailant.

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RETURNED HOME

Corp. Peltier Saw Service in Philippines

William Peltier, son of Merrill Peltier, of 130 Avon street, has returned from the Philippines, having received an honorable discharge from the 26th infantry in which he enlisted Dec. 1, 1901.

Peltier is 29 years of age and is proud of his army record. This is his third discharge, the enlistment in 1901 having been his third. He first enlisted in the Sixth Mass. regiment on May 13, 1898, for the Spanish war. There he served under Capt. Fairweather of company G. Returning to Lowell in 1899 he remained here three months and then re-enlisted, this time in the 26th Mass. volunteers. He went to the Philippines then and served two years under Capt. Greig, also of this city. He returned to Lowell in August, 1901 and again re-enlisted in December of the same year in the regiment from which he had been discharged, receiving the rank of corporal.

Corporal Peltier left the Philippines on the U. S. transport Thomas, arriving in San Francisco two weeks ago. He says he is yet undecided about re-enlisting for a fourth time. He has been in a number of skirmishes, and at the great battle of Mindanao in the Philippines, but always came out without a scratch, when several of his comrades fell around him.

FOURTH ANNUAL BALL

OF THE ZION CRICKET CLUB AT PRESCOTT HALL.

The fourth annual ball of the Zion Cricket club was held in Prescott hall last night, there being a good sized crowd and the affair was a grand success in every sense of the word.

Music for dancing was furnished by Hibbard's orchestra and the officers of the party were as follows:

General manager, Arthur Hindle; assistant general manager, J. Herbert Shepard; floor director, Burton H. Crosby; assistant floor director, Mathew Meiklejohn; aids, Charles E. Shepard, Edward Nelson, Geo. Bailey, Joseph Wilmot, Fred Crosby, B. O. Fielding, Harry L. Shedd, James Burns, Harry Meiklejohn, John R. Whittaker, Samuel Gulline, Herbert Hadley, William Croft, Jr.

Reception committee, Wm. Thatcher, chairman; Albert Sutcliffe, Albert Walker, George Fish, James E. Donnelly, William Croft, Sr., Ambrose Hindle, Harry Maden, William Nelson, Z. Wm Sturtevant, James G. Hill, George Degg, Frank Felker, Wm. Thornton, John W. Bowker, Joseph Woodcock, Albert Bury, Albert Whitworth, Joseph Harrison, James B. Casey, I. F. Williamson.

THAWING OUT PIPES

SET FIRE TO HIS HOUSE BUT FRIENDS SAVED IT.

While trying to thaw out a water pipe yesterday, an Italian who occupies a tenement on the banks of Beaver brook in Collinsville, set fire to the house and but for the timely assistance rendered by a number of young men in the town the building would have been destroyed. A number of the young men who reside in the vicinity of the Italian's house, attracted to the scene by the flames, formed a bucket brigade and did effective work.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column

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Fresh Porkers, weighing from 100 to 200 lbs., 8 to 8½c. Raised on the Sunnyside Farm, Tewksbury.

Choice Spare Ribs and Pork Loins, 8½c to 10c
Fresh Ham, at 10c; Fresh Shoulders at 9c
Leaf Lard at 10c; Rendered Lard at 8c to 10c lb.

POULTRY DEPARTMENT.

Turkeys ..... 15c to 20c lb.
Large Fancy Chicken .....18c lb.
Small and medium Chickens, 12½c to 16c lb.
Fowls of all kinds.....12½c lb.
Geese and Ducks.....15c to 18c lb.

LAMB, MUTTON AND VEAL DEPT.

Whole Lambs .....8c lb
Whole Mutton .....7c lb.
Whole Veal .....8c to 10c lb.
Leg of Veal.....10c to 15c lb.
Leg of Lamb.....10c to 12c lb.
Hind-quarter Lamb .....8c to 9c lb.
Hind-quarter Mutton.....7c to 8c lb.
Fore-quarter Mutton ....6c to 7c lb.

VEGETABLE DEPARTMENT.

Choice mealy White and Green Mountain Potatoes.....70c bushel
No. 1 Baldwin Apples.....35c bushel
Rutabaga Turnips or Globe Turnips 50c bushel
Carrots .....50c bushel
Pumpkins or Squash .....1c lb.
Home-made Pickles, just like mother used to make.....35c gallon
Strictly Fresh Eggs from our own birds.

BEEF DEPARTMENT.

Hind-quarters of Choice Beef..7c to 8c
Fore-quarters .....5½c to 6½c
While Backs .....7c to 8c
First Ribs .....8c to 10c
Chuck Ribs .....6c to 8c
Rump and Loins .....10c to 12c
Rounds ..... 8c to 8c
Rump Butts .....10c to 11c
Sirloin and Rump Steak....20c to 25c
Round Steak.....10c to 13c
Top Round Steak .....15c to 18c
Fancy Brisket Corned Beef..7c to 8c
Thick Rib .....5c to 8c
Naval End Brisket 5c

MISCELLANEOUS.

Pickled Pigs' Feet .....5c lb.
Pickled Tripe .....3c lb.
Pickled Honeycomb Tripe.....5c lb.
Corned Pig Heads.....5c lb.
Head Cheese .....8c lb.
Blood Pudding .....10c lb.
Liver .....5c lb.
Whole Plucks .....8c Each
Ox Tails .....8c Each
Beef Hearts .....5c lb.
Boston Rolls and New York Rump 8c to 10c
50 Cords of Clift and Trash Wood, 3.00 to $4.00 a Cord

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Useful Xmas Presents

COMBINATION NO. 1.

Specials for ten days only:
4 cans Corn..... .48
4 cans Tomatoes..... .48
4 cans Pears..... .48
Total stamp price.....$1.44
ALL FOR 90c.
Cash at time of sale. No C. O. D. orders.

COMBINATION NO. 2.

1 lb. "Golden Egg" Tea..... .50
1 lb. Mocha and Java Coffee..... .35
4 lbs. Granulated Sugar..... .24
Total stamp price.....$1.09
ALL FOR 75c.
Cash at time of sale. No C. O. D. orders.

COMBINATION NO. 3.

1 lb. Anchor Brand Baking Powder .50
1 lb. Mocha and Java Coffee..... .35
4 lbs. Sugar..... .24
1 can Lowney Cocoa..... .10
Total stamp price.....$1.19
ALL FOR 75c.
Cash at time of sale. No C. O. D. orders.

COMBINATION NO. 4.

1 bag Best Flour.....$1.00
1 lb. "Golden Egg" Tea..... .50
1 lb. Mocha and Java Coffee..... .35
4 lbs. Sugar..... .24
Total stamp price.....$2.09
ALL FOR $1.65.

Fresh Killed Fowl..... 11c lb.
Fresh Killed Chickens....15c to 18c lb.
Best Sirloin Roast Beef.....11c lb.
Best Rib Roast.....7c to 9c lb.
Roast Pork .....8c to 9c lb.
Best Smoked Bacon..... 11c lb.
Best Hams, Sugar Cured.....10½c lb.
Best Smoked Shoulders.....8c lb.
Fresh Shoulders.....8½c lb.
Good Round Steak.....10c to 15c lb.
Best Rump Steak.....12½c lb.
Best Sirloin Steak.....15c lb.
Short Cut Legs Veal.....10c lb.
Short Cut Legs Lamb.....10c lb.
Legs and Loins Lamb.....8c lb.
Pork Steak, (Saturday only)....10c lb.

See what you get for 25 cents:
4 cans Maine Packed Peas.....25c
3 cans Tomatoes 25c
3 cans Corn.....25c
3 qts. Best Ketchup.....25c
6 qts. Hulling.....25c
4 lbs. Fancy Kennedy's Cakes.....25c
6 bars Good Will Soap.....25c
6 bars Welcome Soap.....25c
3 cans Challenge Milk.....25c
3 cans Cream.....25c
3 qts. Best Ammonia.....25c
5 lb. crock Preserves.....25c
3 10c pkgs. Corn Starch.....25c
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MAY BE MURDER

Body of Man Found in the Woods Near Hudson

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 16.—Without clothing of any sort and with the head nearly blown off, apparently by a gunshot, the body of John Shuta was found today in the adjoining town of Hudson, in the woods near the power station of the Boston and Northern street railway. Shuta, who was a Pole, went hunting with two fellow countrymen Jos. Bertig and Stanislas Bertig, on Tuesday, and no trace of any of them had been found until today. The police having been asked to search for the men, Inspector Field headed a party which went to Hudson today and looked through the woods where the men were known to have gone on Tuesday. After some time they found Shuta's body. The police believe the man was murdered. An active search is being made for the two other Poles. County Solicitor Mason and Medical Referee Greeley were notified of the finding of the body and went to Hudson this afternoon to make an investigation. Shuta was 30 years old and leaves a widow and several children in his home in this city. All three men were shoemakers and worked in local factories. Jos. Bertig is 20 years old and his brother is 30.

SOME DECISIONS

Recently Rendered in Various Courts

A telephone lineman is held in Whitworth vs. Shreveport Belt R. Co. (La.) 65 L. R. A. 129, not to be guilty of negligence in going to the rescue of a fellow workman who, while on a telephone pole, received a shock caused by the wire he was handling coming in contact with the span wire of an electric street car system, which, because of the defective insulation of the hanger by which it was connected with the trolley wire, was heavily charged with electricity, whereupon he fell headlong, and, his spurs catching on a spike on the pole, hung suspended in the air; and, the railroad company is held to be liable for the death of the lineman, where, in his effort to relieve his fellow worker, he seized the telephone wire, which had become charged with electricity through the negligence of the railroad company, and was instantly killed.

A railroad company which permits the public to use its right of way to travel on foot at a particular place so continuously and frequently as to result in a well-beaten and clearly defined path, plain and open, is held in Matthews vs. Seaboard Air Line railway (S. C.) 65 L. R. A. 286, to be bound to use ordinary care not to maintain pitfalls or unsafe conditions which may result in injury to one attempting to use the path relying on the safety suggested by the implied invitation arising from the visible conditions.

The sale of the flour in quantity by the barrel, to one who intends to resell it under a representation that it is of a certain quality, without opportunity of inspection on the part of the purchaser, is held, in Bunch vs. Weil, (Ark) 65 L. R. A. 89, to give him the right to rescind in case the flour proves to be of inferior quality.

A purchaser of machinery is held, in Computing Scales Co. vs. Long (S. C.) 65 L. R. A. 294, to have no right to rescind the contract merely because the patents under which it is manufactured are in dispute.

Perpendicular marks across the signature of a will, made, apparently, to cancel it, are held, in Re Hopkins, (N. Y.) 65 L. R. A. 95, not to be writings, within the meaning of a statute permitting the comparison of writings by experts so as to admit opinion evidence of their origin. The question of the comparison of marks and spelling is considered in a note to this case.

Refusing to strike out the opinion of a witness as to the genuineness of signatures in evidence upon withdrawing other signatures which had been introduced for the purpose of comparison is held, in State v. Hall (S. D.) 65 L. R. A. 151, not to be error, where the witness had seen the person, who is alleged to have written the signatures, write, as to which he testifies, and is, therefore, competent to give his opinion as to their genuineness independently of any comparison with other signatures in evidence. A note to this case discusses the question of procedure in proof of handwriting.

That a child is too young to be a competent witness because of inability to comprehend the obligation of an oath is held, in Kenney v. State (Tex. Crim. App.) 65 L. R. A. 316, not to preclude the admission in evidence of its declarations as part of the res gestae. The other cases on admissibility of declarations of infant too young to be sworn as a witness at the trial are reviewed in a note to this case.

The holder of a purchase-money mortgage is held, in Hinton v. Mutual Reserve Fund Life Asso. (N. C.) 65 L. R. A. 161, to have no insurable interest in thel ife of the wfie of the mortgagor who did not join in the execution of the mortgage debt.

Breach of a condition in an insurance policy on a building and the furniture, fixtures, etc., and the stock of goods therein, requiring the insured to take an inventory of the stock at stated intervals, to keep a set of books, and preserve such inventory and books in a fire-proof safe, and providing that the entire policy shall become null and void for failure to comply therewith, is held, in Miller v. Delaware Ins. Co. (Okla.) 65 L. R. A. 173, not to avoid the policy as to the insurance on the building and fixtures, where the building and its contents are described separately, and the insurance is apportioned between the building, the fixtures, and the merchandise, a certain amount being specified for each.

Where three coal mining companies operating in the same vein or seam in close proximity to one another, and just having commenced the development of that particular kind of coal, organize indirectly and nominally in the names of individuals a third corporation to act as their general sales agent, and each gives it by contract the exclusive right to sell its entire output of coal at prices uniform as to all three companies; and the agent company is to advertise and introduce the coal in the markets, establish and control all agencies and sub-agencies, and make all sales and collections, and deduct for its compensation ten cents per ton out of the proceeds of sale,—it is held, in Slaughter v. Thacker Coal & Coke Co. (W. Va.) 65 L. R. A. 342, that the contract is illegal and void, as tending to suppress competition and restrain trade, contrary to public policy.

WILL TOW BARGE

FIRST TIME TASK HAS BEEN ATTEMPTED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—For the first time in marine history the task of towing a laden barge 16,000 miles from New York to the California coast, was begun today. Both the barge and the towing steamer, the Standard Oil Company's tank steamship Atlas, will carry cargoes of oil. The cargo of the Atlas will be used as fuel on the voyage. It is expected that the trip will occupy from 70 to 80 days. It is the intention to avoid doubling Cape Horn by going through the Straits of Magellan. The success with which the Standard Oil Company has met in towing barges from the Gulf of Mexico to New York and Philadelphia led to the consideration of the project begun today. In event of success it is said that the service will be extended to various European points. The barge is 3939 tons net register, 360 feet long, 50 feet beam, 27 feet depth of hold and carries about 6500 tons of oil in bulk. The towing steamer Atlas is of 1243 tons net register.

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS

WILL APPEAL TO UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 16.—At a meeting in the office of Milton Smith, chairman of the democratic state central committee, attended by democratic leaders and attorneys, it has been decided to appeal to the United States supreme court to review the contempt proceedings before the Colorado supreme court. The records are now being prepared.

CREW ESCAPED

SCHOONER ASHORE ON BISHOPS AND CLERKS LEDGE.

HYANNIS, Dec. 16—The three masted schooner Ella and Jennie, bound from Elizabethport for Bridgetown, N. S., with a cargo of guano, went ashore on the Bishop and Clerks ledge during the night in a thick snow storm. The captain and crew landed here safely today. It is believed the vessel is in a dangerous position. It is still snowing here and the wind is blowing moderately from the northeast.

YOUNG'S PARTNER

Testified at Patterson Trial

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—There was just a possibility when the trial of Nan Patterson was resumed in the supreme court, today, that she might know her fate before the close of the present week. The prosecution had announced yesterday that its case against the prisoner was practically complete. There remained one or two witnesses to be heard, but they were unimportant and would detain the jury only a few minutes. At the same time counsel for Miss Patterson said they were undecided as to whether they would put in any evidence or allow their case to go to the jury as prepared by the prosecution. A decision was to be reached at a conference between counsel, but the result of this conference was to be closely guarded until the prosecution had formally announced its case complete. It was said that if the defence decided that it would be best to make an effort to rebuke the evidence presented to the jury by Assistant District Attorney Rand, Miss Patterson would be the principal witness in her own behalf. She was prepared to tell the whole story of her acquaintance with Young, it was said.

The work of picking up the ends of the prosecution's case consumed considerable time when the trial was resumed today.

John Mellin, Young's racing partner, was recalled by Mr. Levy and identified several letters as written to Nan Patterson by Young. The letters were then admitted and were read to the jury.

One of the letters, dated May 1, said he had heard some unpleasant things about Miss Patterson and that he had "caught Smith sizing him up." He said he was glad to hear that she was having a good time. It was signed "With love and kisses, Frank."

A second letter, dated May 3, chided the defendant for being so persistent in wanting to see him and also promised that he would make a big bet "Not for myself but for you."

The only question of admissibility of evidence concerning J. Morgan Smith came up at this point and the jury was excused until afternoon to allow counsel to argue points of law.

After hearing arguments Justice Davis decided that he would permit the evidence concerning the Smiths to go to the jury. Mr. Unger of counsel for the defense made a formal motion for the acquittal of the defendant contending that no case had been made out against his client.

SENATOR BURTON

HAS TAKEN CASE TO THE SUPREME COURT.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16—The case against United States Senator Ralph Burton of Kansas, pending in the United States court of appeals, has been continued to the May term to await the decision of the United States supreme court on a similar appeal. Following his conviction in the district court here for accepting money to use his official position in preventing the post office department from issuing fraud orders against a local "Get rich quick" concern Senator Burton took writs of error to both the supreme court and the court of appeals. The appeals are separate proceedings. That to the supreme court is on the issue of jurisdiction.

HELD IN $2000

PERKINS PLEADED NOT GUILTY OF SHOOTING HIS NEPHEW.

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Me., Dec. 16—Alvin Perkins, who was arrested at Edgecomb, yesterday, for the alleged shooting of his nephew, Walter Richards, pleaded not guilty before trial justice Lyman M. McDougall to the charge of assault with intent to kill. Pending the outcome of Richards' wound the hearing was continued until January 14, Perkins being held in $2000 bail.

KILLED BY ENGINE

EDWARD J. DONOVAN WAS A PROMINENT HIBERNIAN.

NAUGATUCKET, Conn., Dec. 16.—While on his way to work this morning, Edward J. Donovan, aged 35, tried to run across the Naugatucket division railroad tracks in front of a northbound passenger train and was struck and killed by the locomotive. His body was hurled 40 feet to a snow bank at the side of the track. Donovan was prominent among the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in this state.

BOY CONFESSES

Says He Mistook Man for Deer

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 16—The mystery surrounding the death of David Libby of Newport who was found dead December 7, at Chester, where he was on a hunting trip, was cleared up late yesterday, when Herbert E. Griffin, aged 17 years, upon being arrested by Sheriff Gilman and Deputy Stevens, confessed that he did the shooting, having mistaken Libbey for a deer. The boy was arraigned before trial justice Wetherbee and was bound over to the February criminal term of the supreme court in the sum of $1000. His father, a prosperous farmer, and a brother furnished bonds.

COPPER MARKET

IS ATTRACTING ATTENTION IN LONDON.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The condition of the tin and copper markets is attracting considerable attention. So acute is the squeeze in tin that the bears have been transferring the commodity from Havre to Southampton at a cost of about $5 per ton. There appears to be a very large bull account in connection with Paris operators and to that is attributed the present squeeze. A London house controlling tin has important continental connections who do not desire to realize at the present juncture.

The recent strength of copper under the share panic has surprised everybody, but the market is practically held together by four big dealers, who are holders of large quantities of refined copper. Important financial interests in London are committed to the bull interests.

The news that the Great Northern railroad has ordered 5000 tons of heavy rails of the United States steel trust is arousing bitter animosity among the British makers, especially in the Sheffield district. The manufacturers are talking of reprisals. A few years ago when the Great Central purchased German axles and tires at considerably below the Sheffield price the company was boycotted until it promised not to repeat the offense.

RECORDER GOFF

SAYS THE LAWS ARE NOT ENFORCED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—At a meeting to discuss preliminaries looking to the formation of a civic club on the west side, Recorder Goff, the venerable jurist of this city, expressed his views on the laws and means for their enforcement.

"It is remarkable how our system of government has failed to enforce the laws and defeat the will of the people," he said. "I have often wondered whether the fault was to be placed on the system or on the people."

He spoke of the good work done by quasi-public bodies and said that "It was a sad commentary on a republican form of government that the people have been compelled to have recourse to private agencies to enforce the laws."

There are, he asserted, too many charitable organizations in existence, and some of them are not so altruistic in their purposes as they professed to be. In conclusion, the recorder said: "What needs to be awakened is a public sentiment for the enforcement of law. Our public spirit seems to end when we have passed a law. We have too many laws now. The chief encouragement to the betrayal of the public interests is the indolence of the people. If we looked on the city as a corporation and each citizen as a stockholder, we would exhibit more watchfulness and our board of directors would exhibit a higher sense of responsibility."

HE WAS ROBBED

THREE MEN UNDER ARREST IN BANGOR, MAINE.

BANGOR, Maine, Dec. 16.—Charles McCormick, F. J. Patterson and Thomas Robichad of Kingman were arrested there yesterday by Deputies Rich of Mattawamkeag and Sproul of Bangor, charged with larceny of about $600 from the person of James Boland of St. Johns, N. F. Joseph Caron, who claims Lewiston as his home, was arrested on a charge of drunkenness and is suspected of having had some connection with the case.

The prisoners were brought to this city last night for a hearing.

Boland was on his way home from Braintree, Mass., where he has been working, but being sick and more or less intoxicated stopped at Kingman to recuperate. He unwisely showed his money to several people in the town and some time between Monday and Wednesday was relieved of it.

JEREMIAH FINCH DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Jeremiah W. Finch, president of the Glens Falls National bank and senior member of the firm of Finch, Pruyn and company, lumber men and paper manufacturers, died at his home in this city today. He was 78 years old and prominent among business men of Northern New York. He had lived in New York city for several years.

THE BLAIR ESTATE.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—An inventory of the estate of James L. Blair, who died at Eustis, Florida, January 16 last, filed with the probate court today, shows personal property aggregating $83,504. The total life insurance carried by Mr. Blair amounted to over $1,000,000 but some of the largest policies were assigned before death, while others are still in litigation.

WANT REFORM IN LAWS.

KOSTRAMA, Russia, Dec. 16—The lawyers of this city have sent an address to the minister of justice in support of the bar association demand for a reform of the laws.

WIRELESS SUPPLIES LANDED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec.16—The navy tug Unadilla has succeeded in landing her cargo of supplies for the wireless telegraph on the Farallones after making four previous efforts. The new plant will be established within three or four days and will supersede the weather bureau's apparatus. The latter only carries about 30 miles but the new plant is expected to operate satisfactorily over 200 miles.

From Yesterday's Late Edition

ALBERT G. PELSUE

Inquest Into His Death Being Held

An inquest into the death of Albert Guy Pelsue was begun in the court of second sessions in the Market street building this afternoon. Associate Justice Frederick A. Fisher presided and J. Joseph Hennessey appeared for the commonwealth. The case was in charge of Officer Quirk of Dracut. The witnesses were: James Garagan, Edward Newport, Patrick Lynch, William Crowley and Drs. Irish, Simpson and Field. Pelsue died at the Lowell hospital several days ago as the result of a blow from a claw hammer in the hands of one George Scully. The latter alleges that he did not intend to do Pelsue serious injury.

CAME TO LOWELL

Anxious Father Looking For Sailor Lad

Where is Archie Irvin Moon, who was discharged from the U. S. S. Detroit at Boston on Oct. 9?

This is the question that is worrying his father in Champaign, Ill., and his sister in Seattle. Archie Irvin Moon is 20 years old and he has served seven years in the navy. He wrote to his father several weeks ago telling him that he was soon to get his discharge and that he was counting the days that would intervene between the date of his letter and the time of his discharge. He said in his letter that he would have quite a sum of money coming to him and expressed the intention to take it easy for the winter.

Mr. Moon waited patiently for his boy to arrive home and when he failed put in appearance the disappointed father wrote to his daughter in Seattle, stating the facts as he knew them. He also wrote to the landlord of the hotel where his boy had stopped in Boston and the landlord told him that his boy had left for Lowell. He said he was looking for work.

The young man's sister living in Seattle wrote to Supt. Moffatt of the local police asking him to look for her brother. The boy's father is an old police officer and a G. A. R. veteran.

REAL ESTATE SALES

FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 16, 1904.

LOWELL.

John H. Beaulieu to Jacques Boisvert, land on West Sixth street, $1.

Florence Hildreth Nesmith to Simeon Agnase, land on Hovey avenue, $1.

Florence Hildreth Nesmith to Simeon Lagasse, land on Dana street, $1.

Ethan A. Smith to Caroline M. Bryan, land with buildings on Rock street, $1.

John H. O'Connell to Mary O'Connell, land with buildings on Lakeview avenue, $1.

Arthur A. Maxfield, et al. trustees to Samuel T. Farrell, land on Laurel street, $400.

Daniel Sullivan to William J. Sullivan, land with buildings on Bowers street, $1.

Frederick Labranche to Maria Mongeau, land with buildings on Branch street, $1.

Merrimack River Savings Bank to John J. Higgins, land on Adams street, $500.

Mary M. Evans to Evelyn A. Wilson, land with buildings, on Thirteenth street, $1.

Arthur Genest to John Raymond, land with buildings on Gardner avenue, $1.

TYNGSBORO.

Fred G. McGregor to Lottie M. Withey, land with buildings at Pinehurst, $1.

DRACUT.

David Joseph to Charles M. Evans, land with buildings on Town road, $1.

CHELMSFORD.

J. Adams Bartlett to Mary B. Bartlett, land on South street, $1.

CARLISLE.

Benjamin F. Blaisdell, et al to Horace W. Wilson, the ox pasture lot, $1.

Benjamin F. Blaisdell to Horace W. Wilson, the Rose hill lot, $1.

H. Henry Darling, guard., to Horace W. Wilson, et al. part of Rose hill lot, $1.

WILMINGTON.

Daniel McCarthy to Arthur Hamilton, land on Silver lake, $1.

TEWKSBURY.

Town of Tewksbury to Walter W. J. McCaren, land with buildings on Main street, $1.

JOHN JOHNSON

WAS INJURED IN THE O'DOWD BLOCK.

John Johnson, residing in Boston, while putting a metal ceiling in the new O'Dowd building in Hurd street, fell from a staging and struck his hand against some of the steel ceiling, which was on the floor, severing an artery. The ambulance was summoned and the injured man removed to St. John's hospital, where his injuries were dressed.

MANY LOST ARTICLES.

ST LOUIS, Dec. 16.—The lost and found articles which were turned in by members of the Jefferson Guards and which never had been claimed, have been returned to the finders in such cases where the finders were still with the guards and were known. During the World's Fair about 300 lost articles were turned into the quartermaster's department. Of these many were afterwards claimed.

MEXICO'S BUDGET.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Dec. 16.—Finance Minister Limantour's budget for the ensuing fiscal year estimates the revenue at $88,104,000 and expenses at $85,474,000. The previous fiscal year showed the largest surplus on record, over $10,000,000.

NO NEW EVIDENCE

Authorities Say Suicide Verdict May Stand

INQUEST IN THE DAVIS CASE BEGUN

Twenty Two Witnesses Were Summoned

SALEM, Dec. 16—An inquest on the death of Miss Bessie G. Davis of Beverly Farms, last September, was begun before Judge Daniel N. Safford, of the district court here today. The proceedings were held in the office of Judge Safford and as is usual in such cases the public was excluded. Twenty-two witnesses have been summoned. The body of Miss Davis was found on the rocks at West beach September 26 and although there were a number of suspicious circumstances the authorities decided that the young woman had committed suicide. They are of the same opinion today but permitted a re-opening of the case to satisfy the friends and relatives of Miss Davis. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis N. Davis had accepted the suicide theory but some of her relatives and friends thought that the girl's death had not been satisfactorily investigated.

The authorities have practically no new evidence and they admit that there is but little probability of the suicide verdict being set aside.

The inquest is being conducted by District Attorney W. Scott Peters of Haverhill. The witnesses include the father and mother of the young woman, her brothers, Erwin and John and a sister Ethel, Frank A Williams, the young man who found the body; Calvin L. Williams, Warren O. Jones, Thomas Neville, Harry C. Hannaford, J. Millett Younger, Benjamin Hawkins, Elsie Hawkins, Frank J. Preston, Herman McDonald, Joseph A. Mayberry, Gregory P. Connelly, Fanny L. Lelio, Webster K. Bray, Edward L. Knowlton, Richard Sharridan, Robert Brown, Bessie M. Williams, Frank Blanley, Thomas Connolly, Mark Knowles, Fred G. Haynes and Ella Price.

It is expected the inquest will last for several days and it is possible the finding will not be reached by Judge Safford before the end of the year.

ALBANY'S RICHEST MAN DEAD.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 16.—John D. Parsons, Jr., president of the Albany Trust company and of the National Exchange bank of this city, one of Albany's wealthiest men, died today of heart disease.

SENSIBLE CHRISTMAS GOODS

Comb, Brush, Mirror Sets

Celluloid Sets in handsome case, $1.29

Elegant hand-painted set, with tray, imported Limoges...$3.50

Silver Sets in bright gray and oxydized.....$2.25 to $5.50

Also in fine gold plate, Arabic and Japanese ware at absurdly low prices.

Hand-painted Comb and Brush sets $1.49

Largest stock of combs and Brushes (regular stock) in the city.

Shaving Sets, 49c and upwards

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A solid "Sterling" set for only $3.50

Smoking Sets and Tobacco Jars, 49c

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Gentlemen's leather fitted Cases, $5.50, $2.50, and as low as 89c

Cigar Cases, Pocketbooks, etc., in endless variety.

Ladies' Leather Bags, all the newest styles, including the new double frame bag. Price $4.98 to as low as 25c.

Best line of 98c Bags in the city.

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As usual we have a large variety of Pepper and Salts, Bon Bons, Trays, Salads, and Hair Receivers, strictly hand-painted, 35c and upward.

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Children's Suits and Coats at Lowest prices.

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Hats From

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That were $5 and $10, in Blue, Brown, Green, Black, White and Castor.

SATURDAY ONLY

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WILL MAKE GOOD

Walter Bean's Father Went to His Rescue

Walter J. Bean, the young man who as porter at the Waverly hotel, touched the cash registers to the tune of about $35, was in police court today. His case came up on continuance and his father, whose home is in Putnam, Conn., agreed to pay back the money stolen by his son.

Judge Hadley exercises the same spirit of leniency toward young Bean as he did when the case was first brought to his attention and the boy was ordered in $500 until Thursday morning. Bean met with a painful accident during his stay at the jail. While scrubbing the floor a splinter entered his thumb near the nail and in extricating the splinter he pulled the nail away. Bean's father agreed to telegraph the amount taken by the boy, who was ungrateful enough to steal from the man who gave him work when he didn't really need his services.

PRETTY LIVELY TIME.

John Kelly, living on the Tremont corporation, was the complainant in an assault and battery case in police court today. The defendant was John Goffrey and the complainant alleged that the defendant swore at him, called him bad names and struck him over the head with a chair. The defendant, in turn told the court that the complainant attacked him with a club, knocked him down three times and pummelled him. Judge Hadley found the defendant not guilty and ordered his discharge.

All kinds of novelties, Oriental Bazaar

CAPTAIN MARCH

SAYS THAT GENERAL KUROKI WAS NOT KILLED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Captain P. C. March, of the general staff of the United States army, one of the officers selected by the department to accompany the Japanese army in the field for the purpose of taking military observations, has returned on the liner Mongolia. Captain March brings absolute refutation of the report that General Kuroki was killed by a Russian shell.

"In several of the reports I have seen," said Captain March, "General Kuroki is said to have been killed on October 5. All the reports agree as to the date and, I am glad to say, are mistaken rumors. I was with General Kuroki on that day and every day until I left the front, Oct. 30, when I started for home. Although exposed on numerous occasions he sustained no hurt. General Kuroki is particularly keen and energetic. He inspires his officers and men with his own enthusiasm and his death would be a serious loss."

Captin March admires the Japanese infantry and has brought away with him a wholesome respect for them.

"Any nation on earth," he declares, "that undertakes to whip Japan, will have its hands full."

Among the other passengers on the Mongolia was H. B. Miller, United States consul general at New Chwang.

E. H. WHITE

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FOR SALE—An old established grocery store on a busy street. Large order trade; clean, fresh stock of goods; horses, wagons, harnesses; one of the best stands in Lowell. Price $1800.

EIGHT ROOM COTTAGE—Owner says he spared no expense when he built it. All modern improvements. Large lot of land. In perfect repair. Price $2800. Can't duplicate it today for less than $3500.

$850 WILL BUY a good 30 acre farm. Thrifty looking set of buildings, wood and timber on place (40 years growth) worth more that the price asked. Lots of fruit.

$350 WILL BUY you a clean lodging house on a busy street—a nice income besides your own rent.

DO YOU WANT a clean investment—something that you will always be glad that you became the owner of? We have a very nice four tenement block the third one which we have had within six weeks. Two have been sold—this one will go very soon as it is a fine investment. Come in and look it over.

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Five rooms, School street	8.00
Five rooms, Watson street	8.00
Store and 3 rooms, Central St	14.00
Four rooms, Central street	7.00
Five rooms, Central street	12.00
Six rooms, Cushing street	9.00
Ten rooms, Richmond street	14.00
Store and 3 rooms, Wannsit St	6.00
Five rooms, Union street	8.00

Apply 438 Central Street

CONFERENCE HELD

To Discuss the Fall River Strike

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 17.—The executive committee of the manufacturers association and representatives of the textile council and United Textile Workers went into conference at 10 o'clock. Neither side would intimate upon what special line the discussion of the textile strike was to be made, although it was intimated that some concessions looking to the removal of special grievances of the weavers were likely to be offered. The conference was arranged in New York, whither President Borden, Messrs. S. B. Chase, W. F. Shove and George Hills of the manufacturers' association had gone, presumably to confer about the strike insurance system with officials present at the meeting of the civic federation.

President Golden and Secretary Hibbert of the United Textile Workers were invited to New York to confer with President Gompers about the A. F. of L. assessment. It was there, through the influence of President Gompers and John Mitchell that an informal conference was arranged and the suggestion made and accepted that the parties in the strike send representatives to a conference in this city today.

RULING MODIFIED

POSTAL AUTHORITIES AND C. I. HOOD'S WRAPPERS.

The postoffice department has modified a former ruling in relation to packages which is of considerable importance to the local medicinal firms, particularly C. I. Hood & Co., which concern first brought up the matter.

Nearly two years ago the Hood company had ready for posting a quantity of calendars that would have required about $1400 postage, and desired to mail them as third class matter; which would cost about half as much as fourth class.

Now the packages to be sent through the mails, marked to various addresses, contained two or more calendars also advertising matter in unaddressed covers. The covers were not intended as envelopes, but to safeguard the advertising matter, so that they would accompany the calendars into the home. There was a question involved, however, and the Lowell office promptly referred it to the department for a ruling.

The postoffice department gave an equally prompt ruling to the effect that several envelopes enclosed in a bulk package otherwise chargeable with postage at the third rate, subjected the package when sent in the mails unsealed, to the fourth class rate of postage, notwithstanding the fact that such envelopes contained printed matter.

Mr. Hood allowed the matter to rest for some time and then called the attention of Congressman Ames to it and the latter brought it before the postal authorities with the result that the C. I. Hood company has just received word from the postal department modifying the original ruling and allowing the Hood company the easier rate of postage.

RESIDENCE BURNED

CARETAKER AND HIS WIFE WERE PARTIALLY OVERCOME.

MEDWAY, Mass., Dec. 17.—The summer residence in this town of Edward B. Bowen of Newton Centre was destroyed by fire early today. The caretaker, Edward Murphy, and his wife, were partially overcome by smoke, but were awakened in time to escape without injury. The loss is $12,000 with partial insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown.

HE BIT JENKINS

BUZAYELL LOST WRESTLING BOUT ON A FOUL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Tom Jenkins was given the decision on a foul in a wrestling match with Buzayell, the Algerian. The men wrestled for over two hours without a fall. Then Jenkins got a hammer hold and while the men were on the carpet, Buzayell bit Jenkins in the abdomen, making a wound the size of a half dollar. There were also teeth prints in Jenkins' arms, where he had been bitten. Referee Roche awarded the match to Jenkins and the police arrested Buzayell under a charge of mayhem. Jenkins is not seriously injured.

WORK OF AMATEURS

POSTOFFICE IN PAWTUCKET WAS ENTERED.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 17—At some time between 1.30 and six o'clock today, robbers entered the local postoffice and after futile attempts to open the doors of two safes in which there was a considerable amount of money, finally gave up the search, contenting themselves with taking over $100 worth of stamp. The attempts to open the safe were made in a very bungling manner, denoting that the robbers were amateurs in their calling.

The men made six borings in the largest safe in the office and succeeded in doing nothing more than preventing the opening of the safe by the postmaster this morning. One boring was made in another safe, but with no result.

The break was discovered by the janitor when he began his duties today.

The robbers were not seen at any time in the postoffice, nor was any noise heard.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The third annual meeting of the religious education association which will be held in this city February 12 to 16, will be the occasion of many notable addresses. The sessions will open Sunday evening with a service of worship led by Prof. Francis G. Peabody of Harvard.

Among the speakers will be a number of college presidents, including President Harper of Chicago university, President King of Oberlin college, President Gunsaulus of Armour institute, President Tucker of Dartmouth, President Hall of Clark university, President Hyde of Bowdoin college, President Harris of Amherst college, and President Faunce of Brown university.

VICTIM OF FEUD

Owen Kelley is Missing Since Oct. 25

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Owen Kelly, one of the foremost supporters of the Irish National league in this country, disappeared Oct. 25 in Philadelphia. Mr. Kelly is a wealthy grocer and woolen manufacturer, and was last seen at a meeting of the Continental Trust company, of which he is a director.

There were many hints last night from New York Irishmen of organization feuds as a possible explanation of Mr. Kelly's disappearance. Once foremost in the councils of the Clan-na-Gael in Philadelphia, he led the element of that society which went two years ago over to John Redmond and his land projects after bitterly opposing them.

Cool and shrewd, temperate in all ways, Mr. Kelly being a former president of the Catholic Total Abstinence league, his disappearance is inexplicable to his associates here, except upon the supposition of accident or violence.

When he led a great band of Clan-na-Gael members away from the Fenian element of that organization in Philadelphia he fought those he left as bitterly as he had fought for them. The feud was carried into the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and at the last convention of that organization Mr. Kelly succeeded in electing officers antagonistic to the Clan-na-Gael.

Police and other means have failed to find trace of him, and, for some reason which none will disclose, there seems to be grounds to believe that knowledge of his fate is to be found in this city. Some hint that another tragedy of the Dr. Cronin stamp may be unearthed.

STORM WARNING.

BOSTON, Dec. 17—The weather bureau issued the following northeast storm warning at 10 a.m. today:

Cape Cod to New Haven—Storm of moderate intensity but increasing central in Kentucky, moving east northeast, will cause increasing easterly winds with snow tonight and Sunday.

Cynthia at Husking Bee tonight.

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Our Grand Kid Glove Offer Closes Today

All of Our $1.25 Ladies' Gloves Are Offered at Only 98c a Pair

We've had a most phenomenal selling at one price of these gloves, the past two days. It's the best glove value ever offered in Lowell at the Christmas time. Come today for $1.25 gloves at only..98c a PAIR

Ask for a glove box.

West Section—North Aisle.

The Most Popular Shopping Places TODAY, SHOULD BE

OUR HANDKERCHIEF SECTIONS—We've nearly 500,000 Handkerchiefs in both departments, from .....5c EACH TO $10

East Section and Basement.

THE UMBRELLA COUNTER—Nearly 3000 Umbrellas to choose from, from .....98c TO $15

West Section—Centre Aisle.

THE TOY SHOP—Here we are showing more extensively than ever before, Toys of every variety to please the youngsters, and games for young and old.

Merrimack Street—Basement.

THE DOLL SHOW—More Dollies than usual, of every sort, and any place between .....25c AND $10

Palmer Street—Centre Aisle.

THE JEWELRY COUNTERS—Where there are thousands of pretty gifts for everybody, including Gold and Silver articles, Mirrors, Fans, Hair Ornaments, etc.

East Section—Right Aisle.

THE GARMENT ROOM—Cloaks, Suits and Furs to keep away the wintry winds are offered today at about

1-3 LESS THAN USUAL PRICES

THE CHINA AND GLASS BASEMENT—Gifts of Fancy China Pieces hereabout. Articles in Glassware in an endless variety. Our new Cut Glass Case and Counter is a most attractive one.

Merrimack Street—West Basement.

THE LINEN DEPARTMENT—Come here for Towels, Tray Cloths, Scarfs, Napkins, Damasks, Table Covers, Table Sets, Fancy Sheets and Pillow Cases. Gifts for the household never go amiss.

Palmer Street—Left Aisle.

THE MEN'S WEAR SECTION—More articles of wear that the men folks appreciate in this store than in any other in Lowell. Exclusive styles and lowest prices. House Coats, Bath Robes, Neckties, Hosiery, Gloves, Suspenders, Underwear, Pajamas, Shirts, Mufflers, Sweaters, etc., etc.

East Section—Left Aisle.

AMONG THE LEATHER GOODS—Articles big and articles little. Everything from a Dress Suit Case to a Drinking Cup. Many handsome and useful gifts are found here at little money.

West Section—Right Aisle.

BOYS' CLOTHING—The special values offered in this section bring good, reliable and up-to-date Suits, Overcoats and Reefers within the reach of anyone's pocketbook.

Palmer Street—Basement.

AT THE INNOVATION—and served in our particular way—Hot Bouillon, Clam Broth, Consomme, Cocoa, Coffee, Tea, Ginger, Beef Tea. The most palatable you can find—a wafer or two and no extra to pay.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Responsible man to manage an office and distributing depot for large manufacturing concern. Salary $1,500 per annum and commissions. Applicant must have good references and $1,000. Capital secure. Address Supt. 323, West 12th street, Chicago.

WANTED—Everywhere, people to copy letters at home, spare time, and return to us. Good pay, materials sent free. No mailing or canvassing. Enclose addressed envelope for particulars, and wages we pay. Guarantee Co., Dept. 417, Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—Men everywhere—good pay: to distribute circulars, adv. matter, tack signs, etc. No canvassing. National Adv. Bureau, Chicago.

AGENTS—$50 a week guaranteed. Automatic washers sell themselves. Agent writes: "Exhibited sample to ten women; took ten orders." Time 45 minutes. Profit over $50. Guaranteed to do a washing in 30 minutes; furnishes its own power; requires no labor; costs less than any other machine; free samples and exclusive territory furnished. Automatic Washer Co., Station U., Chicago.

WANTED—Watchman for small manufactory; 35 horse power boiler. Man licensed to run small engine preferred. State experience and give references. Address P. O. Box 1066, Lowell, Mass.

LADIES, $25 thousand copying short letters at home. Material sent Free everywhere. Send stamped, addressed envelope for copy of letter and full particulars. Eastern Co., 817 Hoed Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—A first class hosiery man, one thoroughly familiar with full automatic machinery, and conversant with the details of the business. State age, if married, and salary expected. First class position to the right man. Position out of town. Address Oneida, this office.

WANTED—A house girl at 147 Crosby st.

WANTED—A young man who can sell and deliver kindling wood, no other need apply, good pay, steady work. Inquire at Sun Office.

WANTED—An experienced kitchen girl. 20-21 Boott Corp. Mrs. Osgood.

ANY intelligent person may earn $10 to $15 weekly in spare time corresponding for newspapers. No canvassing. Send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

WANTED—An all around girl in boarding house, 726 Suffolk st.

FREE—One-half doz. china teacups and saucers. Sell 15, 10c pkgs. Sachet. Lowell Perfume Co., Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—Men everywhere, good pay; to distribute circulars, adv. matter, tack signs, etc. No canvassing. National Adv. Bureau, Chicago.

WANTED—At once a good table girl at 312 Market st.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

Corrected to October 10, 1904. Trains leave Merrimack Street Depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.45, 7.40, *8.50, *9.22, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.44 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex Street Station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.23, *6.39, x6.49, w6.50, 7.01, 7.24, 7.31, *7.48, 7.52, w*8.00, *8.57, w9.28, *9.33, w10.50, 11.05, *11.43 a. m.; w12.05, 12.14, w12.50, 1.44, *1.56, w2.30, w*3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.25, w5.06, 5.22, x5.49, w*6.15, *6.12, w7.00, 7.29, 9.30 p. m. SUNDAYS 6.39, 7.24, w8.15, 8.48, 9.20 a. m.; w12.10, 2.25, w3.55, w5.32, 5.29, w8.03 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.23, w6.50, z7.31, w8.30, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w2.30, w3.55, w5.06, w6.15, w7.00, w9.30, w11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, w3.15 a. m.; w12.10, w5.32 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, n2.30, n3.55, w5.06, 5.28 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.23, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.06, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, 11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15, a. m.; 12.10, 5.32 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.16 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.; SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06, p. m.

For Rockland, 8.30 a. m., 12.05 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor and Belfast, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS 5.32 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 6.28 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland) on Monday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgewick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland), Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m.

Last trip of season, October 28, 1904.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.48, 11.05 a. m.; 1.44, 4.28 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 2.25, 5.29 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg Divisions, 7.07, 11.55 a. m.; 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. Division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m. (3.40 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.40, 5.39 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS to Hillsboro 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.39, *10.39 a. m.; *12.09, 1.00, *1.39, 3.40, *5.39, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.03, 10.33 a. m.; 12.09, 2.00, 6.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *1.39, (to Franklin only), 5.39, *b8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.), Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.39 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.39, *10.39 a. m; 1.39 p. m. (5.39 p. m. to Plymouth); *b9.10 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.39, *q9.10 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont Line, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *b9.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p. m. (daily except Saturdays.)

References:
a Via Wakefield Junction.
* Express. b Daily.
q Wednesdays and Saturdays only.
w Via Western Division.
x Via Redford. z Via Wilmington Junc.

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TO LET—One large front room with heat, light and bath, hot and cold water, furnished, on sunny side of street; young couple preferred, at 106 Mt. Vernon st.

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CASH PAID for apples at car, Thorndike st. track. Bring along your apples, take back your money and barrels. Harrison & Co., 39 Chelmsford st.

WANTED—Baby to board in a desirable home. Inquire 688 Pleasant st., Dracut Centre.

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An 8-room, 2-story house and barn, furnace heat, good condition, on one of the best streets in the Highlands. Must be sold.

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FOR SALE—Collie puppies, sable and white, all ages. Drop a postal for what you want. Thistle Kennels, Box 465, City.

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LEGAL TRADING STAMPS—Special. We give 150 with one pound of our 70c tea; 100 with our 60c tea; 80 with our 50c tea; 30 with our 35c coffee; 120 with one pound Baking Powder at 50c; 30 with vanilla extracts, etc., 25c. The Elwood Tea Co., Junction of Gorham and Thorndike sts.

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WHITE SEWING MACHINE CO.—Before buying an Xmas present call and see our special rotary machine, it is the lightest and fastest running machine in the market, second hand machines for sale, lock and chain stitch. 376 Bridge st.

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Envelope containing sum of money between Lane st. and Appleton Co. office, Jackson st. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to 37 Lane st.

FOUND—A sum of money. Call on Letter Carrier 38 at Post Office.

FOUND—Wrist bag containing money. Inquire evenings at 17 Andover st.

LOST—Wrist bag on Haverhill car for Lawrence, Monday; left Haverhill at 2.30. Finder will receive liberal reward by leaving same at Telegram Office, Lawrence, Mass.

LOST—A gent's seal skin glove between Branch st. Engine House and voting Booth in Branch st. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Highland Laundry.

LOST—A pocketbook yesterday somewhere between Mercier Hotel Lakeview or at Willow Dale entrance. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Sun Office.

LOST—Nov. 26, a pair of brown rosary beads with large medal attached. Return to 49 Bartlett st.

SITUATIONS WANTED

SITUATION WANTED—By a Swede girl to do general housework. Call at 18 Manchester st.

WANTED—A situation by a thoroughly experienced stenographer and bookkeeper. Would make herself generally useful in an office. Good references. Address C. J., Sun Office.

MIDDLE AGED LADY would like to take care of two children. Address L., Sun Office.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Hotel for sale, Bridgeport, Conn.; city eighty thousand; lease three years; thirty rooms, parlor and bar-room; steam heat, electric light and gas. Rent one hundred and thirty. New license price four thousand dollars. Address Hugh Mackinnon, Hotel Emerson, Bridgeport, Conn.

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I HAVE A FEW hundred dollars to invest in a paying business where services are required for a fair salary. State nature of business. Address H., Sun Office.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

24 WERE KILLED

Fight Between Bulgarians and Greeks

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 17.—The massacre by Greeks of the wedding party near Monastir, November 29, 13 persons being killed and five wounded, has led to a number of sanguinary conflicts between Bulgarian and Greek bands, which culminated Thursday last in a stubborn battle lasting five hours. A Greek band of 28 men and a body of Bulgarians met near the village of Sarakinevo and the Greeks lost 24 men killed. Many assassinations of Bulgarians by Albanians have been reported in the sub-disirict. The local authorities as usual have taken no action in the matter.

HE SHOT TO KILL

Italian Attempted Murder at Charlestown

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—With a 38-calibre revolver, Francesco Epifanio, 33 years old, shot Umberto Consolo, 27 years old, in the neck, while the later stood on the steps of the barber shop at 551 Main street, Charlestown, about 7.15 o'clock last evening.

At the Relief hospital, whither the ambulance of police division 15 hurried Consolo, it was said that the wound was slight and that the patient would recover unless blood poisoning developed. The bullet was extracted this morning.

Fifteen minutes after the shooting Epifanio was locked up at police station 15, booked on a charge of assault and battery with a loaded revolver with intent to kill. He was arraigned in the district municipal court this morning, but the hearing will probably be continued until Consolo is able to appear against him.

Epifanio and Consolo are Italian barbers. Epifanio for two years has been proprietor of the barber shop located at 551 Main street. With his wife and three young children he lives in the tenement in the rear of the shop. For the past six weeks Consolo had been in his employ, and had boarded at his home.

In explanation of the shooting, Epifanio told the police that about 7 o'clock Consolo reported for duty intoxicated and had threatened his life with a razor. Epifanio said he had fired the revolver through the window from inside merely to frighten Consolo.

FORGOT LICENSE

WEDDING WAS DELAYED UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

GARDINER, Me., Dec. 17—Just before midnight last night Ethelyn Frances Horne of this city was married to Mort Eugene Cuskley of Portland in the presence of 400 guests. The wedding was set for 8 o'clock, but the bridal party did not arrive. After much speculation it was learned that the groom had secured a Gardiner marriage license, but none from Portland. Then there was hot haste to get into communication with the city clerk of Portland. Finally that important official was found, and the necessary authority given by a sworn deputy. The satin beribboned carriages were put into commission again, and the wedding party arrived at the church at 11.30, to find it full of still waiting loyal friends. At 11.50 the knot was tied by the Rev. J. Quimby.

The bride and groom left on the morning Pullman. Mr. and Mrs. Cuskley will live at 406 Congress square, Portland.

CUSICK WEDS

POLO PLAYER'S BRIDE IS A WEALTHY GIRL.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 17—A mother's tears, the refusal of a county clerk to issue a marriage license and the intimidations of a squad of policemen were not sufficient weight to prevent a romantic wedding in the parlors of the Imperial Hotel last night.

Miss Sue Hemingray of Muncie, pretty and immensely wealthy, became the bride of David Cusick, the big goal tender of the Kokomo polo team. The simple, quiet ceremony came only as a calm after an entire day of stormy, dramatic incidents.

Two years ago "Dave" Cusick arrived at Muncie from Fall River, Mass., to guard the cage of the Muncie polo team. He was aged 26, a giant in stature, golden-haired and always smiling, whether in defeat or victory. Muncie was polo mad, and Cusick, the best goal tender that the city had ever seen, became the idol of thousands of fans.

CHELMSFORD

The Golden Cove school closed for the Christmas holidays yesterday and delightful closing exercises were held, followed by a distribution of gifts. Miss Harriet M. Hall, the teacher, decorated the school room with black alder and hemlock. In a corner of the room stood a gaily bedecked and heavily laden Christmas tree. Songs were sung by Blanche Leighton, Lottie Cheney and Marietta Gale and there were recitations by the following: Marietta Gale, Blanche Leighton, Lottie Cheney, Leora Chandler, Leonard Perry, Chester Eastman, Eddie Fox, James Fox, Ella Trombley, Alice Trombley, Thomas Cleghorn, Joseph Robarge, Alice Burns, Leo Trombley, Ralph Crandall, Fred McKinley, John Connerton, Raymond Chandler, Esther Fox, Percie Chandler.

At the close of the exercises gifts were distributed from the Christmas tree. Similar exercises were held at the East Chelmsford and Center schools.

The selectmen have made an appropriation of $50 to fight the brown tail moth.

Miss Ockington's pupils in the town will hold a reunion on Dec. 29.

The Literary Union will meet next Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. H. S. Perham in Westford street.

EAGLES MET.

Lowell Aerie 223 of Eagles met Thursday evening. W. V. President Barry in the chair.

Three propositions were received and two new members were admitted. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted and showed that the aerie was in good financial condition, having $3500 in the treasury and a membership of four hundred.

The installation of officers will take place at the next meeting, which will be held Jan. 5, 1905.

A committee of ten was appointed to make arrangements for an entertainment to be held after the meeting. The committee is as follows: Geo. H. Tompkins, John J. Ivers, William Lane, John J. Hayes, Thos. A. Corcoran, James Sheehan, James Bowen, Joseph Dawson, Thos. H. Boyle, Geo. H. McCabe.

The aerie voted to have a class initiation Thursday evening, Jan. 12, 1905. The chairman of the ball committee made a report and showed that the arrangements for the same were very near complete.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Bourke, 984 Gorham street.

WRESTLING NOTES

Billy Ladue arrived from Worcester yesterday and announced himself ready for Jackson. He claims that he has picked up a number of fine points during his training with Harvey Parker, and will show his friends that he is a top notcher in the wrestling line after all.

Jackson is expected here today, for he leaves here tomorrow evening for Montreal, accompanied by several local sports and newspapermen. The party will return on Tuesday in order to be here on Wednesday evening when Jackson and Ladue wrestle in Associate hall. Jackson expects to win from Tremblay Monday evening, and goes to Canada quite confident.

Harvey Parker believes that Tremblay is a better man than Jackson, and that Jackson will not be able to throw him on Monday night. Jackson on the other hand wants a go with Parker and a match will probably be held after New Year.

The sporting public has been looking forward to a match between Austin Callery and some lightweight, but as yet Callery has nothing on. There was talk of a match between him and Gibbons of Lawrence but it did not go through.

Delicate Children—

Whose development is retarded or who are growing too rapidly need

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A predigested food with unequaled strengthening properties. Not an intoxicant but a real malt extract. For weakness, weariness and overwork. Best for digestion.

All druggists sell it. Prepared by the

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HOLDS FIRE OVER NIGHT

STANLEY'S COAL

223 MOODY ST. 53 MEADOWCROFT ST. 12 THORNDIKE ST.

FORMED A TRUST

Packing Houses Summoned to Court

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 17—Five of the largest packing houses in the country must appear in the supreme court next week in answer to an order made at the instance of Attorney General Donovan, who alleges that the companies have formed a trust, and having thus violated the laws of the state of Montana, they should be enjoined from doing business in the state. The defendants in the suits are Swift & Co., Armour & Co., Cudahy & Co. and the Hammond Parking company of Chicago and the Hammond Parking company of Pueblo.

$100,000 LOSS

Four Alarms For Fire in Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—A loss estimated at $100,000 was caused by fire early today in the Hecht building, 641 and 643 Atlantic avenue, and the flames became so threatening that four alarms were sounded. The fire started from some unknown cause on the top floor of the five-story brick building occupied by the Reliance Mfg. company, picture frame makers, and the flames soon burst through the roof. They also spread downward to the fourth floor, occupied by Bigelow and Jordan, picture frame and photographs, and to the third, occupied by E. A. Auerbach and company, wholesale tailors. The flames were confined to these three floors. The second floor is unoccupied and on the ground floor is situated Wyman's restaurant.

Considerable damage was done by water on the lower floors and in adjoining buildings. The loss on the Hecht building is placed at $65,000 with $35,000 on the contents. No one was hurt. This building was the scene of a disastrous fire in 1893 and about a year ago was badly damaged by another fire.

CYCLE NEWS

It looks as if the six day race had become an uncommonly deep-rooted institution. Each succeeding year adds to the general wonder at its marvellous drawing powers. To attempt a definition of the cause is unsatisfactory, if not impossible.

It is more or less solemnly avowed that the chief cause of the packed houses is the "hunger" of the New York public for "action"; but, even if this be the case, it is to be said that the public must have such food placed well within its grasp, as in the instance of the six day race. Every effort to attract crowds to the outlying tracks has met with discouraging defeat. The people simply will not travel far to see even more action and snappier, such as is offered by the sprint races. Indeed, men who would scarcely cross the street to see contests of this sort and whose interest in cycling is at the lowest possible ebb, each year make a pilgrimage to the long grind at Madison Square Garden, and there remain rooted, despite a Babel of noise and an atmosphere which literally reeks with aged tobacco smoke and other not agreeable odors.

Night after night finds men in their old places, hanging over the rails with their eyes glued on the spectacle of a handful of men plodding wearily around the small track.

They remain riveted to their seats for hours, many of them, in fact, make a night of it. They scarcely know why. It may be that they hope against hope that the mighty effort to "steal a lap" which invariably throws the crowd into a frenzy, will be made each succeeding moment. It presents a curious side of human nature—one that is hard to explain and equally hard to understand.

The simple fact remains, however, that the six day race is a magnet that attracts, as no other athletic event attracts. In previous years, when the "yellow" press dreamed opium "dreams" and ran to gross exaggeration in red headlines, and when the playful prank of a rider was contorted into evidence of insanity or brutality, it was held that the crowds came in order that they might witness these pranks of crazy men, or to see them drop writhing and unconscious from their wheels. This year the saffron journals have been strangely lacking in this regard. The old stories of brutality and insanity have been conspicuous by their absence, and yet the crowds has flocked to Madison Square Garden in ever increasing numbers. Not even when Walthour, the public idol, and reckoned a magnet of unusual power, quit the race in a temper, was the attendance affected. The crowds still came.

Such evidence compels that the attractiveness of the six day race be set down to "fascination"—to that indefinable desire which led the prattling child to insistently demand to see "the wheels go round;" but whatever the cause, the fact remains that the six day race has become an institution in which not only New York but the whole country, and in lesser degree, a large part of the world takes an absorbing interest. It is the one cycling affair that has withstood the ravages of time, and booms and slumps, fancies and fads and the general fickleness of mankind that has dealt so unreasonably and so unkindly with the bicycle. It is the one event that now fills the public prints with pictures of cyclists and columns of description.

BOWLING NEWS

The United States Bunting bowling team defeated the Brownies on the alleys last night by 14 pins. Hamel was high man with a three string total of 304, but the best single string made during the evening was one of 119 made by Moran of the Brownies. The score:

U. S. BUNTINGS.

	1	2	3	Ttl
Simpson	101	75	94	270
Rigby	95	82	82	259
Marsden	91	78	104	273
Hamel	106	91	107	304
McAdam	88	92	81	261
Totals	451	418	468	1337

BROWNIES.

Kelley	93	76	86	255
Dwyer	78	91	73	242
King	86	76	91	253
Moran	91	84	119	294
Kling	94	93	94	281
Totals	442	420	463	1325

ROUGH PLAYING

Newburyport Downed Lowell Last Night

NEWBURYPORT, Dec. 17.—Newburyport defeated Lowell at basketball here last night, 23 to 15, in a game marked by excessive rough playing, which at times escaped the sight of the referee and caused the spectators to express their feelings in no uncertain manner. Outside the roughness the game was played on its merits, the teams being evenly matched. The summary:

NEWBURYPORT	LOWELL
Punch rf	lb Enos
Healey rf	lb Davis
Martens lf	rb W. Loos
W. Sheridan c	c L. Loos
H. Sheridan rb	lf Mathews
Hayes lb	rf Leighton

Score, Newburyport 23, Lowell 15. Goals from floor, Hayes 2 Punch 2, Martens 4, H. Sheridan 3, Enos, W. Loos, Davis 3, Leighton 2. Points from fouls, Newburyport, Lowell. Referee, Picard. Timer, Healey. Time, three 15m periods. Attendance 700.

AT AMESBURY

NEW ENGLAND LEAGUE BEGINS A SERIES.

AMESBURY, Dec. 17.—The Amesbury New England league basketball team opened the season here last evening with the Haverhill as opponents. The home team was defeated in a fast and interesting game by a score of 30 to 24. The Amesburys outplayed the league leaders in the first period, but failed to hold the lead in the second. The summary:

HAVERHILL	AMESBURY
Doyle rf	lb Henschel
Williamson lf	rb Donnelly
Wachter c	c Penlulo
Haggerty rb	lf Marshall
	lf Zanger
Lew lb	rf Healey

Score, Haverhill 30, Amesbury 24 Goals from floor, Williamson 2 Doyle 2, Wachter 7, Haggerty, Healey 3, Penlulo 2, Henschel 3, Zanger. Points from fouls, Haverhill 6, Amesbury 6. Referee, Connor. Scorer, Breed. Timer, Driscoll. Time, three 15m periods. Attendance, 400.

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MOTORMAN HURT

REAR END COLLISION ON B. & M. ROAD.

LYNN, Dec. 17.—A rear end collision between two electric cars on the Boston & Northern railroad on Summer street last night resulted in serious injuries to Motorman Patrick McNamara of 39 Linden street, the shaking up of passengers and the breaking of two vestibules and glass windows.

The extra car used to convey persons from the river works of the General Electric company to Saugus collided with a regular car, the cause being slippery rails, at the Summer street crossing of the Boston & Maine railroad at Raddins station about 7 o'clock. Motorman McIsaac and Conductor Harris were in charge of the regular car, which had been brought to a stop at the crossing while the conductor went ahead to see if the track was clear.

The extra was coming along behind the regular car. Beyond Raddins station there is a considerable grade and when the extra struck this Motorman McNamara lost control of his car and it crashed into the standing regular. The three passengers in the latter car were considerably shaken up, but not seriously injured. There were no passengers in the extra.

McNamara was taken to the hospital, where it was found his face was badly cut and he was hurt about the arms and legs and probably internally injured. The front vestibule of the extra and rear of the regular car were broken and twisted and the windows smashed.

AT CASTO TOMORROW

ALABAMA ORPHANS AND OLD FOLKS' HOME JUBILEE SINGERS TOMORROW.

The Alabama Orphans and Old Folks' Home Jubilee Singers appear in southern melodies at Casto theatre tomorrow afternoon. Rev. Arthur P. Wedge will give the address, the subject being "A Gilt Edged Investment." Come and hear Mr. Wedge and possibly you may find it in your power to make a profitable investment. The admission is free and the Young Men's Christian association invites all men to attend and hear the songs of the south sung as only the colored people can sing them. Doors open at 3, program at 3.30.

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"'Seven Barks' is good for more diseases than it's recommended for. I could not get along without it," writes Mrs. E. A. Hamilton, Sarahville, Ohio.

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HOSFORD RUBES

Honor Sal Green and Hiram Perkins

IN STREET PARADE AND HUSKING BEE

Dance Till Daylight Dawned in Associate Hall

The Hosfords held a huskin' bee at Associate hall last evening and previous to the opening of the festivities at the hall the Hosfords paraded the streets headed by Farmer Cornfosser's $10,000 prize band and besides cutting up several capers they exhibited a number of curiosities, including Johnnie Curry, Rube Glidden and Frank McOsker, better known in society as "Sweet Evening Breeze".

George Ade has given us a play with the "county fair" as the theme but George's idea of the comical and ludicrous is not to be compared with the original things suggested and presented by the Hosfords. The affair last evening was complimentary to Sal Green and Hiram Perkins of Billerica.

True it is that one Hosford as a wag is capable of playing many parts and they all proved their titles clear last evening. Nothing of the old parish cult entered into the show. It was not opened with religious exercises. It reminded one of the beginning of the old-time "cattle show" when they brought the best and sleekest of their flocks—the mildest cow, the squarest shouldered ox.

The Hosfords formed in front of the hall at 7.30 and started for the Middlesex street depot to meet the guests of the evening. First in line was a platoon of police headed by Chief Charles S. Cox and Constables Patrick McDonough, Frank Murphy, Fred O'Brien, John Mooney, Jack Crawford and Mr. Halford. They were followed by Seth and another donkey and then came the prize band composed of rubes and discordant sounds. The band murdered all of the latest airs and in their trail was strewed the quivering form of music foully dealt with. Even poor "Bedella" did not escape the massacre of the Hosfords. She was winged and beheaded and left to die in the gutter. William Tell was made to look like a disappointed bootblack and other creations of the musical mind were thrown down forever.

Let it be said, however, that the Hosfords catered to the spirit of the day, and thus ensured a paying revenue. They do not believe in "selling their birthright for a mess of pottage." Their huskin' bee was a great big success and as funny as it was successful.

Sal Green and Hiram Perkins, the guests of the evening, rode from the depot to the hall in a hayrack and there were expressions on their faces that spoke "louder than words could tell" of the satisfaction they felt. Sal is a very plain girl and Hiram is about as homely a gentleman as ever visited Lowell.

Red fire lighted the streets and there were Irish, French, Greek and Roman candles galore. Rube Glidden was at his best and he did play some powerful nice tunes, getting his inspiration from little Johnnie Curry, who was all dressed up in a silk hat. Sal Green was dressed too beat the cars. Some said she was dressed like a circus horse but there were others, including Hiram Perkins, who said that Sal "was arranged for the occasion". Arriving at Associate hall there was more music and then the Hosfords and their guests and friends went inside and after they had enjoyed a very nice concert the boards were cleared for dancing and they "broke it down till daylight".

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father refused to do and the child was not allowed to return to school.

The child is now attending the St. Joseph's parochial school and Mr. Osha has brought suit against the city on the grounds that the school authorities had no right to exclude his child from school when the family physician presented a certificate showing that the girl had been properly vaccinated.

EX-CONGRESSMAN DIED SUDDENLY.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Dec. 17.—Former Congressman Edgar Weeks, who represented the seventh Michigan district in the fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh congresses, died suddenly last night.

GOT NO WRIT

STENOGRAPHER CANNOT FORCE CITY TO PAY $7,467.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Miss Elizabeth M. McDonough's petition for a writ of mandamus against Mayor Collins, other city officials and the city council to compel them to take action for the payment of her bill for $7167 as stenographer for the joint standing committee of the city council of 1903, which investigated the Long Island alms-house and hospital, was denied by Judge Braley in the supreme court yesterday.

She has an ordinary action at law pending against the city for the recovery of her bill, which the city is contesting, and the court did not think that her petition presented a case calling for the granting of the extraordinary remedy of a writ of mandamus, so denied it without prejudice to her rights and remedies in her other case. This leaves her to her remedy in that suit.

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GIRL SAYS SHE WAS EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL.

WALTHAM, Dec. 17.—The case of Osha vs. the city of Waltham to recover $2000 damages, which is to be tried soon in the Middlesex superior court at Cambridge, promises to be of more than usual interest.

The plaintiff, Eugene Osha, sues in behalf of his daughter, Beatrice, to recover damages for her being excluded from the public schools here until she had complied with the health rules governing vaccination.

She had been attending school several weeks, it is alleged, before the matter of vaccination was brought up, and she was sent home by her teacher and told to remain there until she had been vaccinated.

The father presented a certificate from the family physician stating that the girl had been properly vaccinated and could attend school. This, it is claimed was not accepted by the school authorities as sufficient proof, and the latter, Mr. Osha claims, ordered the girl to be vaccinated again. This the

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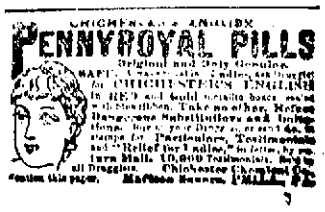

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☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE-THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

The astronomers have discovered that the moon is cracked. It is a good while since the moon began to exercise an influence on cracked people.

The charge of excessive youthfulness should not be urged with too much insistence against Mayor-elect Casey. This fault is generally the first its possessor gets rid of.

It would almost seem that Lawson and Greene were in a conspiracy to advertise each other by onslaughts of hot air discharged through the newspapers. Are they both fakirs?

So it is conceded by Washington that General Miles will be restored to full pay if appointed adjutant-general by Governor Douglas. He has lost his danger as a presidential possibility.

Chief Hosmer is elected. Now may we expect to have the vacancies in the department filled. The chief can ask for nothing more except an increase in salary and a life term.

It is just as well for the citizens in general to understand that they cannot override the orders of the board of health when a matter of public health is involved. The injunction issued in the Rochambeau case is conclusive on that point.

THAT LABOR DAY DECISION.

If the city solicitor is right on the Labor day matter, as we have reason to believe he is, the question arises why the fact was not discovered before when the city was paying out money for the observance of Labor day. Furthermore, if the Labor day appropriation be illegal, the same rule it seems to us, will apply equally to the appropriation for Memorial day, asked annually by the Grand Army posts. The law is no respecter of persons.

FREEDOM FOR THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE.

The movement for Russian freedom is gathering strength in this country as well as at home. Here the leaders can speak out, as they dare not at home, and they express the highest confidence in the success of their movement. Madam Breshkofskoye, who has suffered twenty-five years in the Siberian prisons for pleading the cause of liberty is the inspiration of the movement in this country.

The meeting in Faneuil hall the other evening would arouse great enthusiasm in Russia if the people could only learn what was said. With the exception of what little can be done in secret such a thing is impossible. Yet the freedom of the Russian people seems to be at hand. The termination of the present war will mark an epoch of reform in Russia that will start the empire upon an era of national progress unexampled in her history.

MERCY FOR AN ASSASSIN.

The assassin who killed Minister Von Plehve has been sentenced after a judicial conviction to life imprisonment, a sentence which the manifesto of Nicholas II. on the birth of his heir reduces to fourteen years penal servitude. This man left no doubt as to his guilt as he himself was overcome by the effects of the bomb and shouted his joy at seeing the minister mangled by the explosion. No such clemency would be shown any assassin convicted of such a crime in any other country in the world. This disposal of the case shows the changed conditions in Russia. It is not so long ago since an assassin of this kind would be hurried to the block or shot like a dog. The day of barbarous penalties is gone by in Russia.

FARNHAM'S SUCCESS IN STREET DEPARTMENT.

When an official shows such pre-eminent fitness for office as has Mr. Farnham since he assumed the duties of superintendent of streets, the best interests of the citizens at large demand that he be retained. If the city council made the term of office three years and made Mr. Farnham the incumbent, the position would be taken out of politics and the taxpayers would be assured of getting the worth of their money in work on the streets. The fact that Mr. Farnham is a civil engineer, of course enables him to go ahead in many cases where a man less competent would have to stop or proceed at the risk of blundering. But besides being an engineer, Mr. Farnham eschews politics, he holds no drones in the department, he keeps the grafters to the rear, he keeps an eye open to economy and distributes the work of the department where it will be most beneficial to the greatest number. He has practised economy by keeping streets in good condition by timely repairs, whereas if they were left without such repairs the abbutters would soon be crying out for smooth paving or a new street, and they would get what they wanted from the city council.

It is not impossible that when Farnham leaves the department the taxpayers may demand that none but a civil engineer shall be elected to the position. So far as can be judged by his work Mr. Farnham is the most capable superintendent of streets we have ever had.

FEDERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE.

On the recommendation of President Roosevelt in his recent message Representative Morrell of Pennsylvania has introduced a bill in congress to bring the insurance business of the country under the supervision of the general government. The bill provides that on or before January, 1906, the secretary of commerce and labor shall appoint a superintendent of insurance to be subordinate to the commissioner of corporations. The duties of this office will be to enforce all laws relative to insurance so far as these involve interstate or foreign transactions. It further provides that the attorney general of the United States shall assist the insurance commissioner in enforcing the law.

Provision is also to be made for a report of each company doing business in various states to be made on or before January 1 of each year said reports to set forth all the operations of each company. Any company failing to comply with this regulation will be disqualified from doing business in any state except that in which its main office is located.

The bill further provides that all persons or firms engaged in interstate or foreign business shall file an authenticated certificate of their rights to do business in the state or country in which it is chartered.

The bill is quite comprehensive and will at least bring into the department a vast amount of information. Without doubt it will give the government a line on a great many concerns which hitherto have done business almost in defiance of the laws of various states. It will furnish greater protection to the insured and will prevent swindles of various kinds which were often effected by companies chartered in one state and doing business in many other states.

SEEN AND HEARD

If love is not worth loving, then life is
not worth living.
Nor aught is worth remembering, but all
is well forgot;
For store is not worth storing and gifts
are not worth giving
If love is not there.

An important question is now under consideration by the board of health of New York city, and that is an inquiry into the cause of the alarming prevalence of pneumonia in that city.

During November there were more than 682 deaths from that disease; and most significant is the fact that the greater number of these occurred in what is known as the apartment house district.

These being luxurious, steam-heated edifices, of either flats or suites of apartments.

Now the pneumonia committee is investigating the matter, trying to determine whether over-heated interiors are responsible for that condition of the system which succumbs readily to pneumonia.

In the result what it will, it really seems as if this matter of extreme indoor heat, if allowed to continue, will assume dangerous proportions.

Where lies the land to which the ship
would go?
Far, far ahead is all her seamen know;
And where the land she travels from?
Away,
Far, far behind is all that they can say.

On sunny noons, upon the deck's smooth
face,
Linked arm in arm, how pleasant here to
pace;
Or, o'er the stern reclining, watch below
The foaming wake far widening as we
go.

On stormy nights, when wild northwesters rave,
How proud a thing to fight with wind
and wave!
The drifting sailor, on the reeling mast,
Exults to hear and scorns to wish it past.

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He was only a poor old hobo, and had a face that was as long and cast down as that of the distant relative who butts in at the reading of the will.

His tender togs were tattered and torn, his feet were encased in wrong-foot shoes, and the hair of his head was shooting through the top of his hat like rising crocuses in the gentle spring.

He was seated on the cold stone steps of a big building, with his face clasped in his hands. Little sparrows hopped around his hoofs, and dogs barked on the opposite side of the street, but he heeded them not.

A gentleman, whose heart was full of philanthropy, came down the street, gave a pitying glance at the dejected walking delegate and remarked:—

"Are you ill, my poor man?"

"Yes," replied the tramp. "I'm sick enough to fill two hospitals and will soon be dead enough to fill four graveyards."

"What seems to be the trouble?"

"I don't know, boss, but it is a cinch dat it ain't dyspepsia."

"Have you tried to consult a physician?"

"Yes, I jes' seen one down at de free dispensary."

"Did he give you any medicine?"

"Yes, boss, but I hain't took none of it yet."

"Well, why don't you take it?"

"Dat's jes' what's troublin' me, mister. I don't know how to negotiate de stuff."

"What do the directions say?"

"Why, dey say take a teaspoonful before each meal, an' how in de bloomin' blazes can I ever take de medicine if I don't eat?"

It was nothing more than an incident, but the circumstances proved that when a determined woman makes up her mind to do a thing, she will either accomplish the same or know the reason why. The incident in question occurred a few days ago in one of the big railroad sheds, where a young man was about departing on a train for Boston, and his wife was present to see him off.

They were conversing together close to the gates leading to the train, when the cry of "All aboard for Boston" was heard. Hastily grasping his grip and kissing the little woman at his side, the man made a dash for the cars.

"Hold up, Clarence, I want to see you," called the wife, as the man hastened away.

"What is it, my dear?" he said, halting on the other side of the iron railing.

"I want you: come here," said she in a very commanding tone.

"I cannot. The train is about starting."

"Come here, I tell you."

"What is the trouble?" said he, rather impatiently, returning to her side.

"You cannot go on that train. If you do, I'll go, too."

"Why, what is the trouble?"

"That woman is on the train. She just passed through the other gate."

The man didn't make any response, but looked as though he was thinking a heap. The couple left the station together, but were on hand an hour later, and he was permitted to depart this time without interference of any kind, on the part of his legal mate.

FEWER FRENCH MARRIAGES.

Despite the fact that this is leap year, the young French ladies of this city apparently did not avail themselves to any great extent of the privilege of asking young gentlemen to marry them. Last year there were 264 marriages solemnized in St. Joseph's parish as against 184 up to the present time of this year, there being 80 less this year. Of the marriages performed this year but 17 were mixed marriages.

AFTER LAWSON

Lawyer Wants Boston Man Indicted

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—An application for the indictment of Thomas W. Lawson and for the showing of the books of the Amalgamated Copper company was made at the district attorney's office yesterday by Henry Wellington Wack, who lives most of the time in London. Mr. Wack is a member of the National Bar association of this country and of the Royal Geographical society of London.

Accompanied by his lawyer, Charles M. Beattie Mr. Wack called at the office of District Attorney Jerome and left there his formal application that Mr. Lawson be indicted.

Mr. Wack says he owns outright one thousand shares of Amalgamated, and that it was worth when he came here a few weeks ago, $81,780.

As a result of Mr. Lawson's acts, Mr. Wack asserts, his stock fell to 59, and he suffered a loss of approximately $21,000.

Mr. Wack asks that a demand be made on the Amalgamated company for its books to ascertain just what its stock is worth and if Lawson's declaration proved false, he wants him indicted under the law which provides that any person who knowingly circulates a false rumor, statement or intelligence against a stock is punishable by a fine of not more than $5000 or by imprisonment for not more than three years, or both.

Assistant District Attorney Rand said the district attorney would surely make an investigation and would invite all parties interested to appear before him.

MASS MEETING

URGES RATIFICATION OF ARBITRATION TREATIES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A mass meeting called to urge the prompt ratification of the arbitration treaties recently signed by the state department with several of the leading foreign powers, was held last night at Carnegie hall under the auspices of the New York executive committee of the American conference on international arbitration. There was a very large attendance and the speakers were repeatedly applauded.

The meeting was called to order by John Crosby Brown. He expressed regret at the absence of Andrew Carnegie, who was to have opened the meeting, but who, he said, could not be present.

Mayor George B. McClellan presided and was the first speaker.

M. Linn Bruce, lieutenant governor-elect, was the next speaker.

"It is fitting," he said, "that as residents of a great state which has always been first in war and first in peace, we should give expression to our devotion to a movement which is one of the highest expressions of our Christian civilization. The principle upon which international arbitration proceeds is the same as that upon which our whole system of jurisprudence rests. An appeal to the arbitrament of the sword to settle international differences can no more be justified than the ancient appeal to personal combat to settle differences between individuals."

Archbishop Ireland then was introduced. While he was speaking he was interrupted by a man who cried:

"Give somebody else a chance."

The archbishop immediately sat down. The audience hooted the man who had shouted and ushers tried to find him but failed. Then the audience applauded until Archbishop Ireland resumed his speech.

Letters from Grover Cleveland, Carl Schurz and John Mitchell were read.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—A successful surgical operation was performed upon President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton University at the Presbyterian hospital here yesterday. Supt. Fisher, of the hospital said the operation was not a serious one, but that he was not at liberty to disclose its nature.

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STABBED WOMAN

Angry Father Then Attacked Her Husband

WASHINGTON, Penn., Dec. 17.—Angelo Giardini and his wife are dying at Westland, the result of a murderous assault by the woman's father, Guiseppe Varino. The attack was made, it is said, because Mrs. Giardini reproved her father for abusing her mother. Varino went to his son-in-law's house and calling Giardini to the door stabbed him several times in the breast one cut going through the left lung. Leaving his victim unconscious, Varino went to his daughter's room, where she was in bed. Seizing her with his left hand, the man held her upright while he plunged the knife three times into her breast, penetrating the pleural cavity. Varino then took to the hills and escaped.

HANGED HERSELF

WOMAN RECENTLY LEFT INSANE HOSPITAL.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Helene Paquin, 50 years of age, wife of Narcisse Paquin, committed suicide last night by hanging herself by a towel to a towelrack in the bathroom of her home. Mrs. Paquin had recently been taken from an insane hospital. She leaves a husband and five children.

NOT PARTY FUNCTION

STATE COMMITTEE WILL NOT ATTEND INAUGURATION.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The democratic state committee will not attend the inauguration of Governor-elect Douglas in a body, nor will its members be invited individually. John J. Flaherty, chairman of the executive committee said yesterday:

"The inauguration is not a party function and the democratic state committee as such, has no proper place at the inaugural exercises."

LAMP EXPLODED

CAR CONTAINING VALUABLES WAS DESTROYED.

ROCHDALE, Mass., Dec. 17.—By the explosion of a kerosene lamp in a baggage car on the Boston and Albany division while passing through here yesterday morning, the car was destroyed and the Adams Express company which occupied it with general merchandise and four safes, filled with valuables estimated to be worth $100,000, chiefly jewelry, will lose not less than $10,000, according to estimates of the company's officials.

BABE IS DEAD

MOTHER IS NOT EXPECTED TO RECOVER.

FAIRMONT, W. Va. Dec. 17.—Margaret Robinson, 18 years of age, who four days ago became a mother, was found unconscious yesterday in a hut a mile from Tunnel, a small place near here. The babe at her side in a rude cot, was frozen to death. On Monday night the child was born and the father left for the woods to cut timber fuel, since which time he has not been seen. Frozen bread and a small piece of meat were found on the floor near the bed. The woman is not expected to recover.

BOSTON TEA PARTY

ANNIVERSARY OF THE EVENT OBSERVED.

BOSTON, Dec. 17 The 131st anniversary of the "Boston Tea Party," was celebrated at the Hotel Vendome last night by the Massachusetts Society Daughters of the Revolution. The guests included in addition to members of the society, representatives of the Sons of the Revolutions, Sons of the American Revolution; Daughters of the American Revolution; Colonial Dames, Daughters of Massachusetts, Daughters of Vermont, Daughters of 1812, Society of Colonial Wars and Mayflower Descendants. It was also "Gentlemen's night," the first ever given by the Daughters of the Revolution.

The program included a short address of welcome by the state regent, Mrs. Adaline F. Fitz; an address on "Patriotism, the Salvation of America," by Mrs. E. Adelaide Ingsham of New York, president of the general society, Daughters of the Revolution; address by Charles E. Adams, president of the Massachusetts society, Sons of the American Revolution, and James J. Myers.

NEXT WEEK AT THE CASTO.

For next week at the Casto Manager Haynes has prepared an excellent program which is headed by the famous miniature artists, Mrs. Tom Thumb and the Baron and Count Magri. These artists of world-wide fame will appear for the first time at the Casto, presenting their great comedy success entitled "Two Strings to Her Bow." Known in every city on two continents, their names a household word, these Lilliputians are the most wonderful extant and their work is art. The comedy they will present has been especially written for them and it contains many bright, witty lines, and humorous situations.

The remainder of the program is composed of star comedy acts, and includes Hanley and Valesca in their comedy hit written by Joe Flynn and entitled "The Wrong Flat;" Dick Lynch in his novel specialty, "One Thing and Another" in which he introduces burlesque ballads, funny stories and clever dancing; De Onzo Brothers, "the acrobatic coopers," in their novel act; Jones and Walton in their comedy, "Our Country Cousin;" Ethel Robinson, "the pocket edition of May Irwin;" Wilson and Davis in their conversational comedy which contains many bright stories, and Harry Johnson, the "real coon" in his monologue. Reserved seats can be ordered by telephone, 815-3.

SAM WALTER FOSS CLUB.

The "Sam Walter Foss Literary Club" held their fortnightly meeting on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. F. E. Waring, 285 Foster street. During the session the club voted to make a donation to the several charitable institutions of the city in the way of a Christmas offering, and Mrs. W. H. Howe was appointed to take charge of the donations and see to the delivery of the same. The club is increasing in interest. Have taken the study of Japan, its people, customs and manners of living for the last two meetings and are to take up Russia at the next meeting, which will be held with Mrs. W. T. Hatch, 118 South Loring street on Dec. 29.

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TWO MORE NAMED

For Place on Governor's Staff

BOSTON, Dec. 17—The following was given out by W. R. Buchanan, private secretary to Gov-elect Douglas, at the state house late yesterday afternoon:

"Gov-elect Douglas announces the appointment of Henry L. Kincaide of Quincy as assistant inspector general on his staff with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

"Also the reappointment of William C. Capelle of Boston as assistant adjutant general, with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

"Also William L. Mitchell of Brookline as aide-de-camp, with the rank of major.

"This completes the governor-elect's staff, with the exception of inspector general, who no doubt will be a retired regular army officer."

So far as the office of inspector general is concerned it seems reasonably certain that Brig. Gen. Edmund Rice retired, will be appointed.

It is understood that the governor-elect has informed Gen. Miles, who is to be his chief of staff, that the appointment of an inspector general would be left in his hands. Gen. Rice has been in Boston for a week or more. Until the notification comes from the war department detailing Gen. Miles to duty in Massachusetts nothing officially will be given out relative to the inspector general on the staff of the new governor.

Gov. Douglas expected to hear from the war department, yesterday, but the letter did not arrive. It is well understood, however, that the inspector general will be Gen. Miles' appointment, and those who know the close relationship which has existed for years between Gen. Miles and Gen. Rice have no hesitancy in predicting that Gen. Rice will be selected. It is no secret in military circles that Gen. Rice would welcome a detail to Massachusetts.

Henry L. Kincaide of Quincy, who has been appointed assistant inspector general, is a well known business man of that town.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 954 Gorham street.

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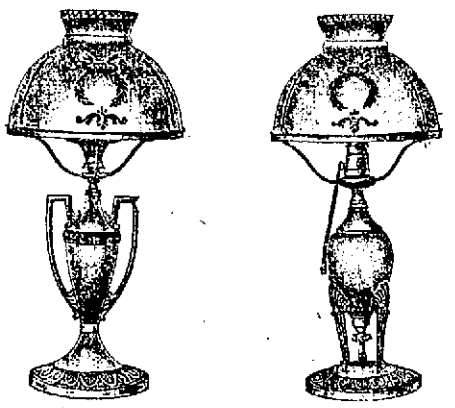

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PHILIPPINE BILL

Was Passed by the Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—The senate yesterday by a vote of 44 to 23 passed the Philippine civil government bill.

The final vote was preceded by the presentation of many amendments, and a general discussion of them, as well as of the provisions of the bill.

The discussion was confined quite generally to the merits of the measure.

On some of the amendments suggested by democratic senators several western republicans voted in the affirmative, but Mr. McCumber was the only republican who voted with the democrats against the final passage of the bill.

The most notable change made during the day was the lowering of the rate of interest on railroad bonds to be guaranteed by the Philippine government from 5 to 4 per cent.

The bill as passed exempts from taxation all bonds issued by the Philippine and Porto Rican governments; authorizes municipalities in the Philippines to incur a bonded indebtedness amounting to 5 per cent. of the assessed valuation of their property at 5 per cent. interest; authorizes the Philippine government to incur a bonded indebtedness of $5,000,000 for improvements at 4½ per cent. interest; authorizes the Philippine government to guarantee the payment of interest on railroad bonds at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum; provides for the administration of the immigration laws by the Philippine authorities; establishes a system for the location and patenting of mineral, coal and saline lands; fixes the metric system for the islands, and gives the civil governor the title of governor general.

During the day Mr. Beveridge, from the committee on territories, reported the statehood bill, and he will make a motion on the first day that the senate convenes in January that the consideration of the bill shall be entered on at once.

BODY RECOVERED

MAN WAS BURIED IN QUICK SAND.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 17—While engaged in deepening a well at Asonet Thursday, Leander Winslow, 71 years of age, a veteran well digger, was caught in quick sand that rushed into the hole as a result of a cave in of a part of the wall. The sand piled up so quickly that all attempts to rescue the man were futile. A rescuing party was formed and began digging at once but it was not until nearly noon yesterday that the body was recovered.

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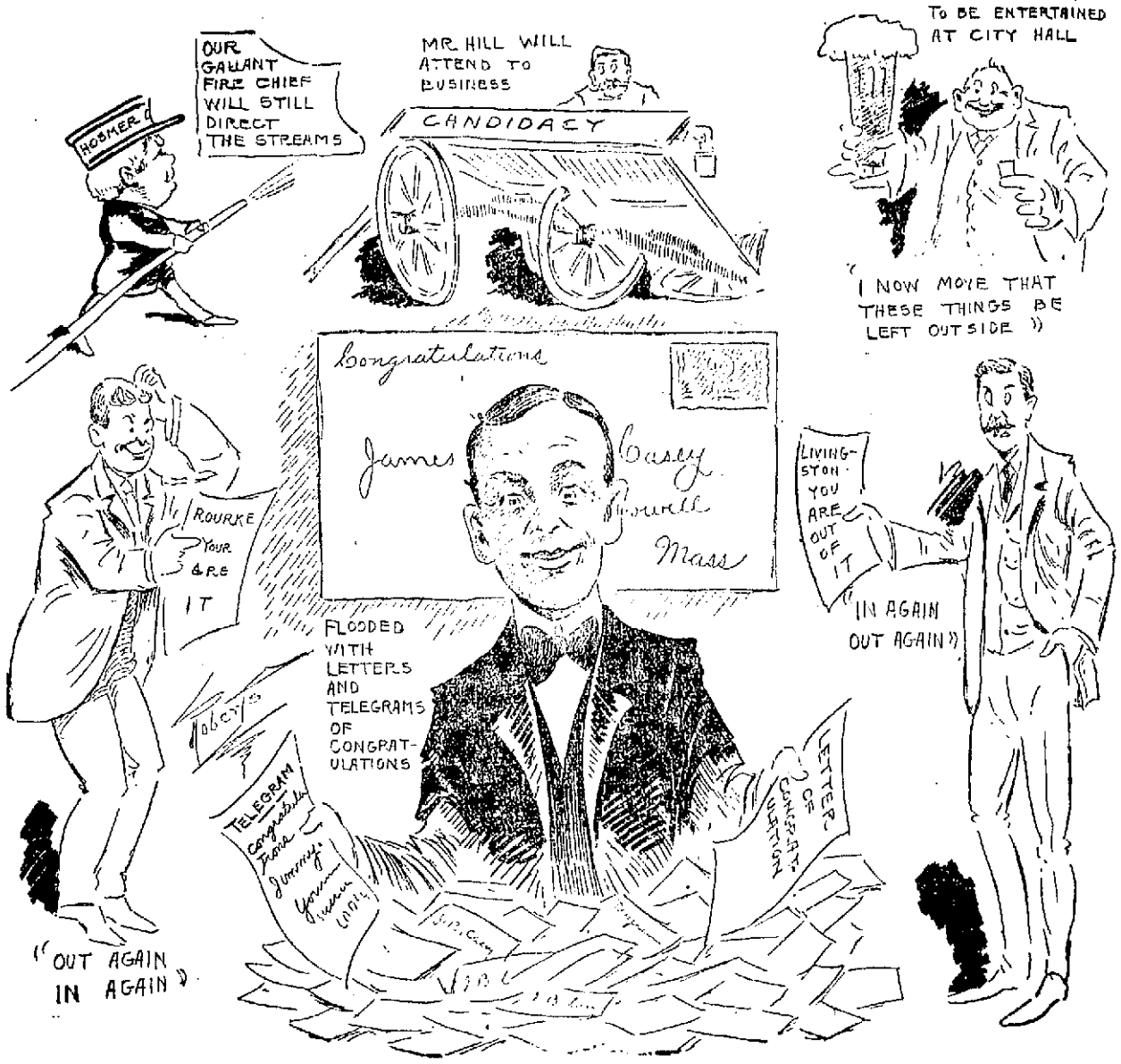

PICTORIAL POLITICAL ECHOES

USED HIS KNIFE

Indian Killed Woman and Her Son

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17.—A strange story of crime comes from the small town of Tamazunchala, in the state of San Luis Potosi. An Indian known as Cahuantzi, who was suffering from an attack of hydrophobia, encountered Vincente Silva and the latter's mother, who were coming to town and killed them with a long knife. The number of wounds inflicted is said to have been over twenty to each victim. He then killed a shepherd. Rurales were sent out to capture the man, but when they approached him Cahuantzi fired upon them with a revolver, killing one and wounding another. He was finally killed by the rurales.

Cahuantzi is supposed to have gone mad as the result of a coyote bite.

SUPREME COURT

HELD BUTTERFIELD WILL WAS NOT VALID.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Because the late Francis M. Butterfield of Lynn told one of the witnesses to his will, after signing it, that "it was a fake made for a purpose," and never subsequently acknowledged the instrument before the three attesting witnesses as his will, the full bench of the supreme court yesterday held that the instrument was not valid, reversed the probate decree allowing it, and directed that it be disallowed.

The purpose of Butterfield in making a sham will was, according to the man who drew it, to have Mary Fleming, to whom he purported to give all his property at his death, think that he had made a will in her favor.

She petitioned for the allowance of the instrument of his will after his death, but it was contested by his relatives.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

POLICE CALLED

FIGHTERS BEGAN TO SLUG EACH OTHER.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—The police stopped the contest between Johnnie White, colored and Young Erne, white, featherweights, at the Manhattan Athletic club last night. Erne's cleverness bewildered the negro in the first two rounds, and at the commencement of the third White started in to fight rough and tumble. As the pair were falling White began to slug his man. When they reached the mat Erne promptly overturned the colored fighter and was pummeling him when the police called a halt. Erne had far and away the better of what fighting took place in the two rounds and a half.

SECRETARY TAFT

TOOK PART IN PREPARATION OF SECTION OF PHILIPPINE BILL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—Secretary Taft reached the capitol soon after the senate convened yesterday, ready to meet objection raised against the Philippine bill. As the result of his visit and conference with senators, he took part in the preparation of a new section to the bill, to take the place of section 4, guaranteeing five per cent. on money invested in the construction of railroads in the islands. The amendment was the joint work of secretary Taft and Senators Allison, Spooner and Lodge.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Passaconaway Tribe 32 Improved Order Red Men held a well attended meeting last night. The class initiation committee reported good progress. The banquet committee reported it a great success socially and in point of numbers. A vote of thanks was extended to the newspapers for the splendid account of the same. The degree staff rehearsed the chief degree. Interesting remarks on the order were made by visiting brothers and brothers of the tribe.

The Golden Star club held a regular meeting last night and elected officers for the dance to be held in Associate hall in February: general manager, John A. Crowley; assistant, T. J. Hardwood; floor director, William Sabourin; assistant, Joseph Allard; chief aid, Ovila Tetrault; treasurer, Amie Drainville.

Oriental Bazaar, opposite Kirk st.

TERRY McGOVERN

BOXED FOUR ROUNDS WITH JOHNNIE BURDICK.

PITTSFIELD, Dec. 17—A four round sparring exhibition between Terry McGovern and Johnnie Burdick was the principal attraction at the Knickerbocker A. C. last night. Burdick had been matched to meet Joe Bernstein but the latter called the match off and McGovern was substituted. The bout was for points only and there was no decision.

TREASURER BLISS

GUEST OF HONOR AT UNION LEAGUE CLUB.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—In recognition of the republican national committee, Cornelius Bliss was made the chief guest of honor at an informal dinner last night at the Union League club. The only other guest besides Mr. Bliss was William L. Ward, the republican national committeeman of New York state. Ex-Senator Warner Miller presided.

No set toasts were responded to. Ex-Senator Miller proposed the health of Mr. Bliss, and in so doing praised his services as the party's national treasurer. Mr. Bliss responded. Among those at the dinner were Gov. Odell, Senator Depew, Former vice president Levi P. Morton, Gov. Murphy of New Jersey, Whitelaw Reid, Senator W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts; Former Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, former Attorney General John W. Griggs, Gen. A. L. Mills and Hamilton Fish, assistant treasurer of the United States.

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POLITICAL NOTES.

Edwin S. Eastman is a candidate for chairman of the board of overseers of the poor.

James Gilbert Hill is a candidate for city solicitor and likewise a candidate for chairman of the republican city committee.

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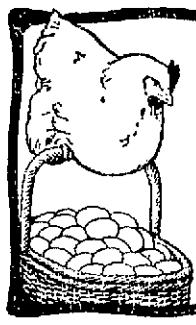

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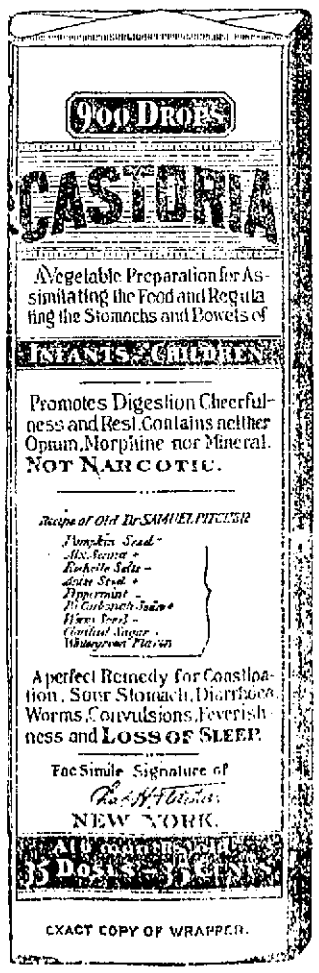

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In the superior criminal court at East Cambridge, yesterday, James Pappas, who was charged with assault with intent to murder Constable Cutter of Dracut, was found not guilty. As was stated in The Sun yesterday when Pappas' case was called on Thursday he was not in court. His absence was due to a misunderstanding and his explanation was accepted by the court. Pappas and a friend went hunting in the Dracut woods. Constable Cutter believing that the two young men were killing robins went into the woods accompanied by his hired man and in the altercation that ensued he was shot by Pappas.

James Mulhinch, charged with receiving stolen property, was found guilty. Sentence was deferred until Monday. The jury retired at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon and brought in a sealed verdict at 8 o'clock the same evening.

The case of Andrew Bingle for assault and battery on his wife was continued until the next session of the superior court.

Theodoras Bracinios, charged with assault with a knife, was placed on probation.

Thomas J. Brady, drunkenness, was placed on probation.

The case of Peter Bropella, charged with assault and battery on his wife, was heard. He was placed on probation.

M. J. Reynolds for drunkenness, was sentenced to three months in the workhouse.

FOUND GUILTY

CHURCH THIEF STOLE SACRED VESSELS.

DEDHAM, Dec. 17.—In the Norfolk court, criminal session, the jury brought a verdict of guilty against John McAvoy, alias Frank Allen of Boston, for breaking and entering St. Catherine's Catholic church at Norwood last June and stealing many sacred vessels. McAvoy, the police say, has served terms in state prison, Deer Island and many other institutions.

Andrew W. Corthell was sentenced to two years, at hard labor, at the house of correction in Dedham.

Dennis P. McDermott, for drunkenness, was sent to the state farm at Bridgewater.

William Hartnett, for breaking and entering at Norwood, was given 18 months in the house of correction at Dedham, and Mrs. Isabelle F. Trimble was sentenced to the reformatory at Sherborn.

MAD OVER DOLLIES

GIRL THINKS THAT THEY ARE ANGELS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Surrounded by the dolls and the boys she had grown to love, Miss Esther Brounstein, 22 years old, and said to be the handsomest girl in one of New York's largest department stores, yesterday lost the reason which had been tottering for weeks and is now in Bellevue psychopathic ward.

When her dementia does not take a violent physical form she is possessed of the delusion that the dolls over which she presided in the store are angels, that she is the goddess who rules them, and that one—a splendid specimen of the toymaker's art—is her sweetheart. Her friends and employers first received an intimation of the wrecking of her mind when she asked to be permitted to remain in the store all night, near her inanimate comrades.

Alienists have been unable to diagnose her case. Before subjection she whipped several customers and members of the staff.

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THREE LIVES LOST

In Fire in N. Y. Tenement Block

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Three persons were killed and several injured, two fatally in a fire in a three story brick residence at 181 South Main street, Williamsbury, early today. The dead are:

ALICE SWINSON, a lodger.
ADRIN REYNOLDS.
CHARLES LINCOLN, painter, aged 26 years.

The fire was caused by the explosion of an oil stove. Most of those who lost their lives were caught in the upper stories of the building from which there were no fire escapes.

POLICE REFORMS

PRES. ROOSEVELT LOOKING INTO CONDITIONS AT THE CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt is devoting some of his spare time to conditions existing in the police court of Washington. That the president of the United States should manifest an interest in a subject of such purely local character is a little unusual, but Mr. Roosevelt, through the influence of a local charity worker, has taken it under advisement and proposes that there shall be, if possible, some reforming of local police methods.

The man responsible for the president's proposed intervention is William F. Downey, a wealthy livery stable keeper in Washington, who maintains for the benefit of the many human derelicts who arrive at and infest the national capital, an establishment, affording food, drink and place of rest, called the Good Samaritan Home. Recently his work was referred to by the president when the latter introduced Dr. Charles Wagner, author of "The Simple Life," at a local theatre. The president at that time took occasion to praise Mr. Downey's work in behalf of hundreds of social outcasts. Some days ago Mr. Downey wrote the board of district commissioners, the executive head of the local government, a plea for better methods in the police court here. The commissioners paid no attention to his letter.

The president heard of this and demanded that it be sent to him. He is now engaged in giving careful consideration to the matter. He has assured Mr. Downey, for whom he has developed a strong friendship, that he will take a personal interest in the disposition of the case and see that whatever wrongs there are amenable to correction are righted.

WANTS ALIMONY

MRS. BLACKINTON BEGINS SUIT AGAINST HUSBAND.

ATTLEBORO, Dec. 17.—Herbert H. Robinson, attorney for Mrs. Nellie A. Blackinton has brought suit in the supreme court of Rhode Island to compel W. Sumner Blackinton, one of the best known manufacturing jewellers of the country and for many years of the chain firm of W. & S. Blackinton, to pay alimony alleged to be due the plaintiff, and has attached his property for $1000.

Mrs. Blackinton divorced W. Sumner Blackinton in 1886 in New York city. The defendant was directed then to pay Mrs. Blackinton $800 a year for the support of Mrs. Blackinton and her child (Edle Maude), now married to a manufacturer. Surety for a bond of $10,000 was required, and the sureties were William Blackinton and Louis A. Blackinton, a former lieutenant in the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company of Boston. It was stated last evening that the sureties will be sued.

According to the New York decree Mrs. Blackinton, the plaintiff, was privileged to marry again, but this right was denied Mr. Blackinton. Mrs. Blackinton, who occupies a home on Pine street, has preferred not to marry again, but it is alleged that the defendant has been twice married.

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SOME CHANGES

In Officers of Police Relief Association

There was a meeting of the Police Relief association yesterday afternoon and according to John Hickson and other parliamentarians things were not done according to Hoyle. The officers at the police station, the fellows who were turned down, declare that it was a snap meeting, but Lieut. Donaldson who is pretty good authority on parliamentary law and who took a leading part at the meeting, says that the business transacted was perfectly legal.

The meeting was called to order by Officer Hickson, but when he realized that his official head was booked for the chopping block he left the room. The other officers who went down with Mr. Hickson included Capt. Kew, Officers Jas. Holland and Coster Ryder. The only excuse Mr. Donaldson and the others instrumental in bringing about the change have to offer is that they thought the association was sorely in need of the infusion of new blood.

On motion of Officer William Bumps, Lieut. Donaldson was made president pro tem and it was this move on the part of the men across the way that influenced John Hickson to move that the meeting adjourn. In order to explain what is meant by "the men across the way" it is necessary to state that Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Bumps and Mr. Lathamme, who was also in the alleged deal for a turnover, occupy one side of the building, while Captain Kew and the others who went down have offices on the other side.

When Mr. Hickson moved that the meeting be adjourned he argued at some length on the alleged illegality of it. His motion was overruled and he left the guard room. John's exit rather pleased the fellows from across the way and they proceeded to do business and elected the following ones to the board of directors: Supt. William B. Moffatt, Deputy Redmond Welch, Lieut. James Downey, Inspector Lathamme, Patrolmen James Welch, Thos. McCloughrey, Charles Hamilton, J. S. Dennett, William G. Bumps, Thomas H. Hesslan, Edward Fox, Frank Fox, J. L. Lameroux, John E. Connolly, Edward Flanagan.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

REPORT MADE BY THE AMERICAN BOARD.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The American board of foreign missions made public today a summary of protestant foreign missions as carried on by societies in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Ireland and Continental Europe. It shows that there are 25,672 stations and out stations, 5811 men missionaries, 568 women missionaries, 61,217 native laborers, 1,289,611 communicants, 79,931 additions to the church last year and 1,327,566 persons under instruction. The income of all the societies last year was $16,118,289. The foreign missionary societies of the Evangelical church of the United States have 10,222 stations and out stations, 2521 men missionaries and 2521 women missionaries, 11,229 native laborers, 1737 churches, 183,503 communicants, 51,924 additions to the churches last year and 260,652 persons under instruction. The native contributions last year were $25,188 and the income of the foreign missionary societies of the Evangelical churches of the United States was $7,642,380.

The latest statistics for Japan make the protestant foreign missionary force number 772, with 187 native christian workers and 12,325 communicants in the churches.

For 94 years the American board has been in existence and during that period it has sent into the mission field 961 men and 1158 women, in all 2152 persons. Of the men 72 were ordained, 39 of them being also physicians. In the schools of all grades there are 70,151 pupils. The total amount received into the treasury of the board from the beginning in 1810 is $35,176,371.

STILL ALARM SOUNDED.

A still alarm at 5.15 o'clock last night summoned a portion of the fire department to a slight blaze in the building at the corner of East Merrimack and Fayette streets, belonging to the W. E. Somes estate. One of the occupants of the house was engaged in thawing out water pipes when the fire communicated to the woodwork. The members of engine 4 of High street responded to the alarm and soon had the fire under control. The damage was slight.

FAST AGROUND

BRITISH SCHOONER PROBABLY CANNOT BE SAVED.

HYANNIS, Mass., Dec. 17.—The British schooner Ella and Jennie which went ashore on Bishop and Clerks ledge, six miles off this port, on Thursday night, is still fast aground and there is little hope that she can be saved. Although the wind has died down and the sea is calm, the schooner lies in a bad position and has filled with water. The captain and crew who came ashore here safely yesterday went out to their vessel today in catboats, intending to make an effort to strip her.

DEATHS

MARTIN—Mrs. Augusta D. Martin, agend 66 years, died yesterday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. H. D. Wadley, 66 Grove street. Mrs. Martin is survived by one son, Charles L. of Haverhill, and two daughters, Mrs. H. D. Wadley of Lowell and Mrs. H. A. Gillon of Salem. Salem papers please copy.

McCARTHY—Mrs. Dominick McCarthy died at her home, 9 Puffer avenue, yesterday afternoon, after a short illness. The deceased is survived by her husband, Dominick McCarthy, two sons, John T. and Patrick F., and two daughters, Theresa and Mary.

FAY—Thomas F. Fay, aged 64 years, a prominent and well known resident of this city, died this morning at his home, 303 Tenth street, after a lingering illness. Mr. Fay was well known throughout the city and owned a great deal of real estate in the vicinity of Adams and Common streets.

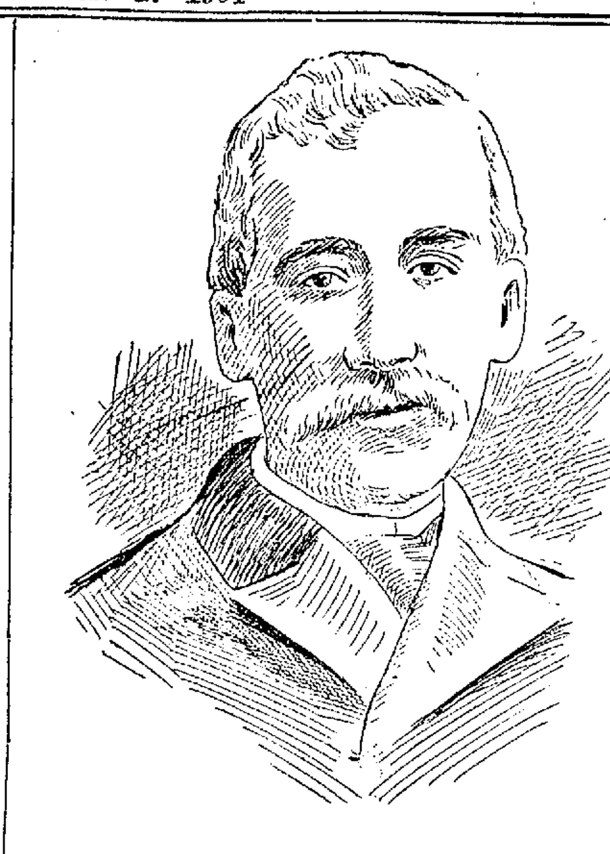
During the past year he has been in ill health and the most of the time was confined to his home. He gradually grew worse, the end coming this morning.

He leaves to mourn his loss three sons, Peter A., the well known lawyer; Joseph F., real estate man and George D. an accountant; also two daughters, Mary A. and Agnes T., teachers at the Varnum grammar school.

The funeral will take place from his late home Monday morning at 7.30 o'clock and a solemn high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Michael's church at 8 o'clock.

CALLAHAN—Patrick H. Callahan, a well-known resident of this city, died this morning at his home, 71 Fourth street.

The funeral will take place from his late home at 9.15 o'clock Monday morning and a high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Michael's church at 9.45 o'clock.



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WEALTHY FARMER SAYS HE WAS ASSAULTED BY THUGS.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 17.—Wm. Jibbins, a wealthy farmer, claims to have been assaulted and robbed of $6000 by thugs. He said he was called to the door of his cabin where he lived and was knocked down and tied after which the robbers ransacked his home. Jibbins had a number of severe cuts about the head.

FUNERALS

ABBOTT—The funeral of Rebecca L. Abbott took place yesterday afternoon from the Old Ladies' home in Fletcher street. Rev. T. Clayton Welles was the officiating clergyman, and burial was in the Edson cemetery. Undertaker Currier had charge.

SCHIEDRICH—The funeral of Helen M. Schiedrich, daughter of Paul and Helen, who died at the home of her parents, 23 Lincoln street, Dec. 16 was held yesterday afternoon, and burial was in the Edson cemetery. Undertaker Davey had charge.

The Little Gift

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DRACUT HEROES

To be Honored by a Suitable Memorial

At the Yellow Meeting House at 2 o'clock this afternoon a very interesting ceremony will take place. The Daughters of the Revolution will assemble to present to the town of Dracut a huge boulder close to the church and bearing a bronze tablet commemorative of the Dracut men who fought in the Revolutionary wars.

Dr. Moses G. Parker will make the presentation address. Solon W. Stevens will preside and Selectman Coburn will accept the gift on behalf of the town.

There will be other speakers and the ladies of the D. A. R. will be well represented. The Molly Varnum chapter of Lowell will attend in a body.

TURBINE CRUISER

BOWLES HAS A NEW IDEA IN SHIP CONSTRUCTION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17—Quite the most important feature of the bids for battleship construction opened yesterday at the navy department was the offer of the Fore River Ship Building Company of Quincy, Mass., to build the armored cruisers Montana and North Carolina, on special designs, and with turbine propulsive machinery, for $1,244,000 each. This is the first time that it has ever been seriously proposed by a ship builder of great reputation, like Francis T. Bowles, former chief constructor of the United States navy, and now president of the Fore River Company, to install turbine machinery in a 11,000 ton 22-knot cruiser.

The board on naval construction yesterday recommended that the Newport News Ship Building & Dry Dock Company be given the contract for the two cruisers for $3,555,000 each, and the New York Ship Building company of Camden, N. J., the contract for the battleship New Hampshire at $3,748,000.

Mr. Bowles' bid of $4,244,000 each for the armored cruisers was quite high, and the board does not regard the efficiency of turbines as sufficiently proved to warrant ordering a cruiser of this type.

Mr. Bowles proposed to present to the department in his design the Curtis marine turbine, an American invention, already highly developed for stationary use, in the place of the triple-expansion reciprocating engines. There would be one low-speed reversible turbine on the twin-screw shafts. Mr. Bowles is satisfied that this turbine has great superiority over the old style engine in speed and convenience. Mr. Bowles submits an entirely new plan of battery location, saying:

"It will be observed that eight of the six-inch guns carried on the gun deck of the department's design at a height of 14 feet 6 inches above load water line, have been raised in our design to the main deck level, and, together with four of the main deck guns, mounted in pairs in six turrets. Therefore, the increase in height of the eight six-inch guns will be from 14 feet 6 inches to 23 feet, above the water line. The only six-inch guns remaining on the gun deck are those forward and aft, having a fore and aft fire. The result of this change is to give two additional six-inch guns firing ahead and two firing astern, making the total ahead fire two 10-inch and six six-inch guns.

"Enough weight is saved by the turbine machinery to permit a change increasing the thickness of the main armor belt throughout its length between the 10-inch turrets from five inches to six inches, which at 2000 yards would render the ship penetrable only by a six-inch gun and proof against a five-inch gun."

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NINE LIVES LOST

Continued.

RUSH FOR LIFE BOATS.

When the captain rushed to the deck smoke was pouring from every passage way and flames were sweeping up through the apartments around the walking beam. Captain McAllister sent in the alarm for fire drill and the men came tumbling out of their bunks. In the meantime, the steering gear had been blocked and the pilots, finding themselves unable to direct the course of the steamer, rushed to the assistance of the other members of the crew in saving lives.

Captain McAllister ordered McMullin to go to the hurricane deck and loosen one of the boats, while he went to the main deck and tried to loosen the two large life boats. Captain McAllister managed to loosen the port life boat. The other life boat was frozen to the davits but a smaller one was soon ready to be lowered away.

WOMAN DASHED INTO FLAMES.

While the officers and crew were working there was a fearful scene of confusion among the ten passengers. They ran about the saloons in disarray. The woman who lost her life had been aroused by the stewardess and was on her way to one of the boats when she suddenly turned and dashed back into the flaming cabin. It is supposed that she went back for her valuables. She was not seen again and must have perished. There was no possibility of waiting for the rescue of those who failed to appear at once. In the large boat 15 people were afloat. They included the eight rescued passengers and six of the crew including the captain. The large boat was just about to be lowered, when the latter ran up and jumped in just the nick of time or he too would have perished. The smaller boat which Pilot McMullin managed to loosen carried seven passengers. The two boats were rowed as far away from the burning steamer as was necessary to escape destruction and waited there and watched the boat burned. They made every effort to find any possible survivors, but there was none to be found. The burning steamer drifted away toward the Long Island shore. In the meantime the tug Bully, which was passing with a string of barges in tow, sighted the burning steamer, cast her tow adrift and came to the rescue of the persons in the boats. They were taken from the small craft, placed in the furnace room of the tug, clothing was given to them and when the steamer Erastus Corning came along, shortly afterward, were transferred on board of the latter and taken to New York.

STORY OF DISASTER

HOW THE SURVIVORS WERE TAKEN FROM BOAT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Nine persons, including two passengers lost their lives early today in the burning of the steamer Glen Island, bound from New York to New Haven. The steamer drifted aground on Captains Island in Long Island Sound and was burned to the water's edge.

The vessel left her pier in North River at 9 o'clock last night with 10 or 12 passengers and a heavy cargo. The fire was discovered before midnight off Execution Point, in the sound.

How it started is not known but suddenly the whole boat seemed to become filled with smoke and the electric lights were extinguished.

Boats were hurriedly lowered and all but two passengers and seven members of the crew escaped. One of the lost passengers was a man and the other a woman, residents of New York. None of the names have yet been learned.

A tug which sighted the Glen Island afire proceeded to the scene and picked up the passengers and crew from the small boats. They were placed aboard the steamer Erastus Corning and brought back to New York.

The Glen Island belonged to the Staten Island Transportation company. Her cargo was a valuable one, but the exact loss is not yet known.

A list of the dead follows:

UNKNOWN WOMAN PASSENGER, resident of New York.

UNKNOWN MALE PASSENGER from New York.

ROBERT HANLEY, deck hand.

O. BIRD, deck hand.

FRANK BUSH, fireman.

WM. BURKE, fireman.

WM. HENDRICKSON, assistant engineer.

Among those saved were:

MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK B. STREET of New Haven, Conn., and two daughters.

MAX LEVIN, of New York.

NATHAN DUBIN, of 252 Cedar street, New Haven.

The Street girls are students at Vassar and were on their way to New Haven for the holiday vacation at home.

The Glen Island was running up the Sound at her usual speed when the fire was discovered. How and where it originated, is something of a mystery, but it is believed to have started in a dynamo located below and near the center of the vessel.

The passengers were nearly all in their berths when the vessel suddenly became filled with stifling smoke and the lights went out.

Captain McAllister sent men through the cabin and the passengers were quickly aroused. Owing to the fact that considerable ice was banked along shore it was not possible to reach safety in that direction and the vessel drifted toward Captains Island. Efforts to check the spread of the flames were without avail and the life boats were prepared. With life belts about them, the passengers were quickly transferred to small boats. Eight persons got into one boat and 15 into another. So heavily laden was the second boat that it threatened every moment to capsize. The life boats hung about the burning steamer in the hope of picking up some of the missing and in a few minutes the tug Bully, towing some barges appeared. The tow line was instantly served and the Bully ran up to the scene.

The tug ran in as close as possible but nothing could be seen of the nine missing persons and all hope of saving them was given up. Those in the life boats were taken aboard and after the burning wreckage drifted ashore on the island, the tug headed for New York. On the way she met the steamer Erastus Corning, also of the Staten line, and the rescued were transferred to that vessel. They reached this city shortly before 7 o'clock this morning. Beyond their having suffered severely from the cold and nervous shock none was injured. The Glen Island which was commanded by Captain McAllister, who was the last person to leave the wreck, was constructed from the ruins of the city of Richmond. The latter, curiously enough, also was burned. After having been rebuilt, the steamer was christened Wm. C. Egerton and later renamed Glen Island.

Captains Island, where the Glen Island drifted ashore, lies off Greenwich, Conn., not far from the north shore of Long Island Sound. Survivors of the burned steamboat arrived in this city about daylight on the steamboat [illegible] Corning, of the same line, which docked at the company's pier at the foot of Cortlandt street, North river. They were scantily clothed and have lost almost everything they possessed in their rush to the boats when the flames enveloped the steamboat.

Captain Chas. McAllister of Albany, who commanded the Glen Island, escaped with only his underclothes, trousers and an overcoat. As soon as he reached this city he went to a haberdasher's to refit.

The Glen Island was making a regular trip to New Haven from this city, taking the place of the John L. Starin of the same company which is now having her shaft repaired.

According to First Mate Larsen and Pilot Tony McMulling and Quartermaster McBride, who were also among the survivors, the fire broke out in the forward part of the steamboat when she was off Captains Island. Larsen says he cannot conceive how the fire started but declares that it seemed at once to have gained a headway which it was hopeless to attempt to fight and in a few minutes the entire vessel was ablaze. The passengers were aroused and had so little time to escape that they left almost everything they carried in their cabins.

Captain McAllister ordered the boats lowered and they were dropped into the [illegible] in good [illegible] order. The four firemen, two deck hands and Engineer Hendrickson [illegible] [illegible] the boats [illegible] [illegible] The [illegible] reported dead were [illegible] when the survivors reached the boats and it is supposed that they were caught in their cabins and burned to death. The survivors were in open boats only a short time and were on board the Erastus Corning, bound for this city, about an hour after leaving the Glen Island.

Mate Larsen says that there was no sea running when the steamer caught fire and that the boats were lowered and filled with passengers without difficulty. Captain McAllister lost nearly everything he owned. He was to go on a two weeks' vacation today and had money, jewelry and clothing packed in his cabin. He lost all these valuables.

SEEKING OFFICE

Hungry Republicans are Picking Out Places

Several members of the city council were at city hall this morning and all were discussing the possibilities of new city officials. It is conceded on all sides that if Frew Farnham will accept the position he will be elected superintendent of streets, while it is believed that the present board next Tuesday evening will elect Mr. Farnham. The latter has been impartial in the distribution of patronage and hence members of both parties have only kind words for him.

There are some seven or eight candidates for the water board to replace Michael J. Dowd whose term expires in March. Among them are H. C. Taft, Cyrus Barton, John S. Palm, Moses Wyman and others.

The republican members of the overseers of the poor are doing much mysterious whispering these days, and a few of them are foolish enough to think that they can oust Dr. Donlon despite the fact that the civil service law does not permit the removal of officials from office for political reasons.

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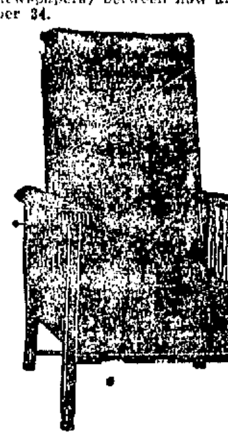

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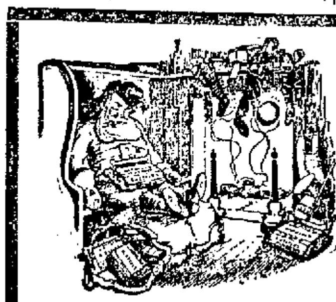

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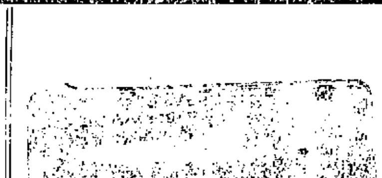

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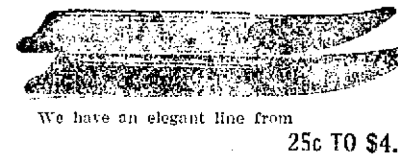

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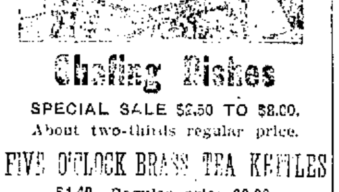

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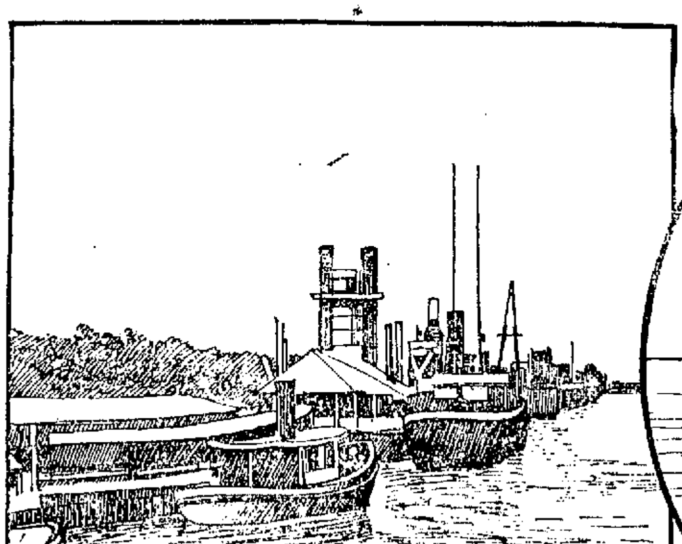
Present Status of the Panama Interoceanic Canal

APROPOS of the mission intrusted to Secretary of War Taft to visit Panama as the accredited agent of the government for the purpose of investigating the differences which have arisen in regard to certain provisions of the canal treaty it is pertinent to recall some of the leading features of that widely discussed enterprise. Notwithstanding the fact that intimations from various sources have come recently to the Washington authorities that the Panamans were contemplating a revolution, the rumors have failed to produce a panic in official circles. When it is remembered that revolutions, so called, have been the constant and most diverting occupation of the Central and South American peoples almost from time immemorial, it is not to be wondered at that a fresh threat is looked upon as being somewhat innocuous.

Be that as it may, the construction of the great interoceanic waterway is not likely to begin until everything essential to its successful development has been made ready, so perfected indeed that all possibility of hindrance of any kind shall be provided against. This is indicated with sufficient clearness by a recent statement of Chief Engineer Wallace of the canal commission to the effect that the present commission had not yet adopted the plans of the former commission and that it will probably require another year of investigation to determine fully the details of the various plans under consideration, ranging from a ninety foot level to a sea level canal, with a tidal lock near the Pacific.



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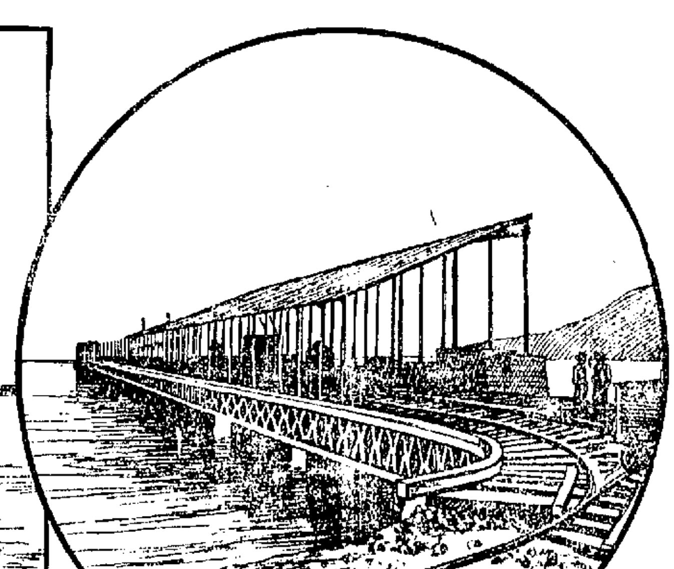

THE PACIFIC ENTRANCE.

If a sea level canal should be decided upon, a dam would be necessary to control the Chagres river, and that plan would also require the building of a tunnel seven miles in length to carry the surplus water of the river from the lake formed by this dam on to the Pacific. Consideration is also being given to a plan for reducing the summit level from ninety to sixty feet by substituting another water supply of equal area but lower elevation for the present Bohio lake.

Several engineering parties are now in the field for the purpose of obtaining the necessary data for estimates as to the cost of construction, and during the coming winter many experiments will be made with various kinds of steam shovels and other heavy machinery required in the preliminary construction. Of course the principal work must be done by machinery, and physical labor must be reduced to a minimum. The ghastly record of the previous attempts to construct the canal makes that imperative. It is not expected that more than 10,000 or 12,000 men will be employed at any one time. Now there are not more than 1,500 men at work in all branches of the enterprise. Of this number 600 are in the sanitary department. There are six divisions of engineer corps at work, each in charge of a resident engineer.

The engineering and clerical departments are almost exclusively conducted by Americans, and every steamer supplies additions from the United States. The majority of laborers and also a few of the skilled men are English speaking negroes from Jamaica. Recent visitors to the isthmus declare that Panama's evil reputation as an insanitary region is due very largely to the fact that the indolent population has paid absolutely no heed to the laws of health. Physical excesses are perilous in all tropical countries, but most of the men who now hold responsible positions in connection with the canal are sober, industrious and ambitious. Many of them are alumni of American colleges. They are not put to any especial hardship on account of the climate, and cases of sickness among them are comparatively few.

It will be a surprise to those who have been accustomed to regard Panama as one of the most torrid spots on the continent to learn that the mean temperature for the past summer was only 84 degrees. Some of the officials connected with the canal declare that they have never exxperienced a more agreeable summer in the United States. The efficient sanitary corps has paid special attention to eradicating yellow fever and malarial disorders, and the results have been encouraging. There were only two cases of yellow jack during the entire summer, and but one of the victims was an employee of the government. The death rate in the city of Panama during the summer was fifty-four to the thousand. Still, the most optimistic admirer of the isthmus would hardly pronounce it a paradise or recommend it as a health resort. Its present improved sanitary condition, however, is an achievement worthy of much commendation and may be taken as an earnest that the commission means to be vigilant in its crusade against the apathy which formerly existed.

The construction of the canal, giant enterprise that it is, is not the only problem facing the United States. Its building presupposes and necessitates many other works, some of them of noteworthy magnitude. One of them is the providing of an adequate harbor at Colon. This, it is estimated, will cost at least $6,000,000. The harbor at Panama will require much improvement, and it will involve a large expenditure. Another improvement contemplates the utilization of the water supply developed at the great dam to furnish lighting power both for the canal and also for the terminals and towns along the route.

One of the most immediate provisions must be a proper water supply for both Colon and Panama. The construction of waterworks for the city of Panama has already begun, and $400,000 will be expended. A sewerage system which will cost as much more will follow and then will come the repaving of the streets of Panama, now in a condition of practical impassability. Colon also will be put into a state of habitability, so that the lives of the workmen who will build that end of the canal shall not be imperiled.

From this showing it is apparent that the actual work of construction is likely to be considerably delayed. It is the present opinion of the engineers in charge of the excavation that the work will not be ready for them before the beginning of 1906. By that time it is expected that the route will be mapped out and everything made ready for digging. It will take at least eight years to complete the undertaking. It is believed that the line already marked out by the French engineers will be followed as closely as possible, the principal changes being the straightening of curves. The canal will run for about twenty-five miles along the Chagres river, then along one of the branches of the Chagres, passing through the Culebra cut, ten miles from Panama; thence on by the Rio Grande river to Panama bay.

It is now estimated that the completion of the work will cost at least $150,000,000. This sum, added to the $40,000,000 paid to the French company for the canal property and the $10,000,000 given to the Panama government for the land grant, will make the total cost $200,000,000. There is little doubt that the canal will be a profitable investment from a business point of view.

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9.33	10.19	2.00	3.01
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11.43	12.24	3.47	5.00
12.14	1.00	4.14	5.30
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LONDON, Dec. 17—The statement that a new split is impending in the Irish parliamentary party is strongly denied by those in a position to know the situation. The meeting in Dublin on Dec. 15 was perfectly harmonious.

The same harmony marked meetings held throughout Ireland.

Messrs. Redmond and Dillon have repeatedly met upon the same platform. Mr. O'Brien has returned to the ranks of the Irish party, and, beyond the natural differences regarding a fair price of land and other matters of detail it is positively stated that there is not the smallest chance of a renewal of the "split." Leaders of the party assert that the Irish cause is now nearing a triumph.

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PETITIONS FILED

Hill and Livingston Ask For Recounts

REGISTRARS WILL BEGIN ON NEXT MONDAY

Ward Nine Councilmanic Vote Will be Recounted

There was great "chiselling" as Hugh Flaherty would have put it, among the republicans at city hall yesterday afternoon. There was James G. Hill and his manager, W. W. Duncan, a couple of republican lesser lights and nearly all the republican officials in city hall and for quite a few minutes in the corridor near the city clerks' office they had their heads together.

A few minutes later it was announced that the republican city committee had filed petitions for a recount of all the votes cast for mayor and for all the votes cast for aldermen.

It was explained that the aldermanic recount was asked on the ground that if the precinct officers of five wards had made errors that could be seen on the surface there is a fair certainty that more errors underneath the surface would be brought out by a recount. The mayoralty recount is asked on similar grounds though no errors on the surface were discovered in the mayoralty count. Few if any believe that the recount will make any material change in the situation though like the pitch player who would count for game if he only had four in his pile, the republicans are not going to have Hill go down without knowing all the whys and wherefors.

The registrars met at 5 o'clock last evening at city hall and found the petitions properly made out. They then voted to recount the votes on Monday.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Garfield Purple Star No. 175, L. O. L., held their regular monthly meeting last evening in Pilgrim hall. It being the annual election of officers, the attendance was exceedingly large. Considerable routine business of interest to members only was transacted. There were more than two and three candidates for each office. The election was a spirited one.

The following were chosen: Worthy master, Samuel Murray; D. M., James McCormack; first committeeman, Alex. Russell; recording secretary, Duncan McEachern; treasurer, James Robinson; chaplain, John Wylie; D. of C., Robert Shaw; tyler, James Clark; trustee, Wm. Reid; delegate to State Grand lodge, Robert Shaw. Mr. Murray, the newly elected master, is the youngest master in the state. He has been secretary for the past year and has filled that office with credit to himself and the lodge. Two new members were initiated and one application received.

The G. A. degree will be conferred on two members at the next meeting.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

TO BE HELD AT THE DIFFERENT LOCAL CHURCHES.

BAPTIST.

Branch Street—Middlesex st. at easterly junction of Branch and Middlesex sts. Rev. Asa R. Dills, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, Young People's meeting at 5.45, evening service at 6.30.

Morning, "What is the Harm?" evening, "Does Death End All?"

Chelmsford Street Freewill—Chelmsford st., cor. Plain, Rev. Albert E. Kenyon, pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Sunday school at noon.

Evening, service will be conducted by Salvation Army.

Fifth Street—West Fifth st. Rev. Orville Coats, pastor, 727 Bridge st. Morning service at 10.30. Bible school at 12, evening service at 6.30.

First—George st., cor. Church st. Rev. Smith T. Ford, D.D., pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Sunday school at 12. Junior Young People's society at 5.15, evening service at 6.30.

Morning, "Savages, Citizens and Saints"; evening, "Alone With Conscience."

First Freewill—Paige st., Rev. D. B. Martin, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, evening service 6.30.

Morning, "Doers of the Word," second in series of sermons on "The Biblical Ideal" evening subject, "Christ Died for Us."

French Baptist Church—Bunell st., cor. West Sixth, Rev. Isaac LaFleur, pastor.

Hadley Street Freewill Baptist—E. W. Puffer, pastor.

Immanuel—Blossom st. Rev. Robert P. True, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Y.P.S.C.E. at 5.30, evening service at 6.30.

Mt. Vernon Free Baptist—Mt. Vernon cor. Butterfield st. Rev. F. E. Carver, pastor.

North Billerica—Rev. Chester Howe, pastor.

Morning, "True Christmas Giving;" evening, "The King's Highway."

North Tewksbury Baptist, Rev. C. L. Pierce, pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Evening at 6.30.

Worthen Street—Rev. Arthur P. Wedge, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, evening service at 6.30, C.E. meeting 5.15.

Morning, "Hope;" evening, "The Soft South Wind."

CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

Fourth Sunday of Advent. Gospel to be read in the mass and to be the general subject of sermons taken from St. Luke iii. 1-6.

St. Patrick's—Masses will be sung in the basement at 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. The 10 o'clock mass will be exclusively for the children, while the 11 o'clock mass will replace the usual high mass.

St. Peter's—Gorham st. Rev. Michael Ronan, rector. First mass at 6, second mass at 7, third mass at 8 (new church), children's mass at 9 (old church), fourth mass at 9, high mass and sermon at 10.30. Sunday school at 2, vespers at 7.

St. Michael's—Sixth st. Rev. John J. Shaw, pastor. First mass at 6.30, children's mass at 8.15, second mass at 9, high mass and sermon at 10.30. Sunday school at 1.30, vespers at 3.

Immaculate Conception (Oblate Fathers), East Merrimack st. between Brown and High. Rev. E. A. Dorgan, O.M.I., pastor. First mass at 6, second mass at 7.30, chant 10.30. Sunday school at 2, vespers at 6.30.

Church of the Sacred Heart (Oblate Fathers), Moore st., opp. Andrews st., Rev. John P. Reynolds, O.M.I., pastor. First mass at 6, children's mass at 8, second mass at 9, high mass and sermon at 10.30, Sunday school at 2, vespers at 6.30.

St. Jean Baptiste (Oblate Fathers), Merrimack st., cor. Aiken. Rev. Joseph Maugh, O.M.I., rector. First mass at 7, children's mass at 8.30, high mass with sermon at 10, vespers at 6.30.

St. Joseph's (Oblate Fathers), Lee st. Rev. Leon Lamothe, O.M.I., rector. First mass at 7, second mass at 8.30, high mass and sermon at 10, vespers at 3.

St. Louis—West Sixth st., Rev. J. N. Jacques, rector. First mass at 7, second mass at 8.30, high mass and sermon at 10, vespers at 3.

St. Anthony's (Portuguese) Gorham st., cor. Congress. Rev. Joaquin V. Rosa, pastor. First mass at 8, second mass at 9, and high mass and sermon at 10.30, vespers at 3.30.

Church of the Holy Trinity (Polish) High st.—First mass at 8, high mass and sermon at 10.30, vespers at 4.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Central Congregational church, Chelmsford: Rev. A. F. Earnshaw, pastor.

Centre—Drexel. Morning service at 10.45, Sunday school at 12, evening service at 7.

Rev. A. Herbert Armes of Carlisle will preach morning and evening.

Elliot—Summer st., cor. Favor. Rev. E. Victor Higelow, pastor. Rev. J. M. Greene, D.D., pastor emeritus. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, Y.P.S.C.E. at 6, evening service at 7.

Morning, "Incarnation: Man's Gain;" 6 p. m., "Central American Life," by Miss Grace Eaton; 7 p. m., stereopticon, "The Holy Child."

Evangelical—Tyngsboro, Rev. Sarah A. Dixon, pastor. Morning service at 10.45, Sunday school at 12, Y.P.S.C.E. at 6.30, evening service at 7.

First—Merrimack st. opp. public library, Rev. Ralph Gillam, acting pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, Y.P.S.C.E. at 5.45, evening at 6.30.

Morning, preaching by Rev. J. M. Greene, D. D. Subject, "The Christian Ideal;" evening, union missionary service. Address by Rev. Robert A. Hume, D. D. Subject, "The Old, Old Story in India."

First Trinitarian—Dutton st., cor. Music Hall av. Rev. Geo. F. Kenngott, pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Sunday school at 12, evening service at 7.

Morning, "What of the Family, Church and State?" evening, "Jacob and Esau, Brothers."

French—Bowers st., cor. Fletcher. Rev. T. G. A. Cole, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, evening service at 6.30.

High Street—East Merrimack st., cor. High. Rev. C. W. Huntington, D.D., pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Sunday school at 12, Y.P.S.C.E. at 6.15, evening service at 7.

Highland—Westford st., cor. South Canton. Rev. T. Clayton Welles, pastor. Morning prayer at 10.10, sermon at 10.30. Sunday school at 12, evening at 6.30.

Morning, preaching by Rev. Robert Allen Hume, D.D.; evening, union service at First Congregational church, to be addressed by Rev. Dr. Hume.

Hillside, Dracut—Rev. J. A. McKnight, pastor. Services at 10.30; Sunday school and pastor's class at 12; Y.P.S.C.E. at 6.15; evening service at 7.

Morning, "Creed Vs. Conduct;" evening, C.E. at 6.15. Lecture by pastor at 7. Subject, "A Safe Rule to Follow."

Kirk Street—Kirk st. opp. French. Rev. Geo. E. Martin, D.D., pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, evening service at 6.30.

Pawtucket—Pawtucket sq. Rev. Edwin R. Smith, minister. Morning worship at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, Y.P.S.C.E. at 6, evening service at 7.

Morning, "The Authority of Jesus;" evening service omitted for union meeting in First Congregational church.

Pelham Church—Rev. J. L. Hoyle, pastor. Preaching at 10.45, Sunday school 12.

Second Congregational church, North Chelmsford, Rev. D. A. Hudson, pastor.

Swedish—London st. Rev. F. A. Lindholm pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, evening service at 7.

Tewksbury Congregational—Morning services at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, evening service at 6.30.

EPISCOPAL.

All Saints—Chelmsford. Services and sermon at 10.45, Sunday school at 12, evening service at 7. Holy Communion at 10, first Sunday in the month 10.45.

House of Prayer, Walker st., Rev. A. C. Chapman, priest in charge—High mass, 10.30; vespers 7. First Sunday in month—low mass at 8.

St. Anne's church—Holy communion, 7.15. Full service and sermon, 10.30. Evening prayer and sermon at 7. Sunday school at 12.

St. John's—Gorham st. near court house, Rev. Leander C. Manchester, rector—Morning service at 10.30; Sunday school at 12, evening service at 6.30. Communion first and third Sundays and on the greater festivals.

LUTHERAN.

Swedish—Meadowcroft st., near Moore, Rev. P. E. Asley, pastor. Sunday school at 9, morning service at 10.30, evening service at 7.

METHODIST.

Berean Primitive—Moore st., near Lawrence, Rev. D. Markham, pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Sunday school at 12, evening service at 6.30.

Central Methodist—Paige st., cor. John, Rev. W. W. Shenk, pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Sunday school at 12, Epworth League 5.30, evening service at 6.30.

Centralville M. E.—Bridge st., cor. Hildreth, Rev. F. M. Pickles pastor. Preaching at 10.30 and 6.45, Sunday school at 12, Epworth League at 6.

Morning, sermon by Rev. E. P. Herrick of Worthen Street M. E. church; evening, sermon by the pastor.

First Primitive—Gorham st., cor. Ellsworth, Rev. Nathaniel W. Matthews, pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Sunday school at 12, evening service at 6.30.

Morning, "Soldiers of Christ"; evening, "Life Like Passing Ships."

First Swedish—Moore st., cor. Bourne, Rev. Oscar W. Johnson, pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Sunday school at 2, evening service at 6.30.

Highland—Loring st., cor Grove, Rev. B. F. Kingsley, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, evening service at 6.30.

Morning, "A Satisfied Soul"; evening, "Not Far from the Kingdom."

St. Paul's—Junction of Hurd and Warren sts., Rev. Geo. B. Dean, pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Sunday school and Bible class at 12, evening service at 6.30.

Morning, "Restoring a Lost Art;" evening, "A Gospel that Needs No Apology."

Worthen Street—Rev. E. P. Herrick, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, Epworth league at 5.30, evening service at 6.30.

Preaching at 10.30 a. m. by Rev. F. M. Pickles in exchange with the pastor. People's service at 6.30 in charge of Mr. Herrick. Subject, "The Glorious Gospel."

MINISTRY-AT-LARGE.

Free Church—Middlesex st., near South Rev. Geo. C. Wright, minister. Church service at 10.45, Young People's service, 12.

Morning, "Bringing Out the Features of the Divine Portrait."

PRESBYTERIAN.

First—Appleton st., cor Davis, Rev. James M. Craig, pastor. Morning service at 10.30; Sunday school at 12; evening at 7.

Morning, "The King Cometh"; evening, "The New Man."

Westminster United Presbyterian, Tyler st. Hours of service 10.30 and 7.

Morning, "On the Eve of Christmas; evening, "What Will Thou Have Me to Do?"

UNITARIAN.

Chelmsford Centre Unitarian—Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff, pastor. Morning service at 10.45. Young people's guild at 7.

First—Merrimack st., opp. John, Rev. Chas. T. Billings, pastor. Regular morning service at 10.45, Sunday school after morning service.

Morning, "The Life That Knows No Fear."

UNIVERSALIST.

First—Hurd st., Rev. Caleb E. Fisher, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Y.P.S.C.E. at 6.

Morning, "How Can We Enter the Kingdom of Heaven?"

Grace—Princeton st., cor. South Canton, Rev. Ransom A. Greene, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12.

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This company has played to very large houses since its opening performance on Thursday afternoon, and the advance sale for this afternoon and evening has been very large. Those who wish to attend one of the performances today should make early application at the box office.

STRONG CHARGES

Against Mayor-Elect of Marlboro

SAYS GENERAL PARSONS IS NOT A CITIZEN

That He Has Never Been Naturalized

MARLBORO, Dec. 17—The citizens of Marlboro are excited over statements relative to the alleged ineligibility of Gen. Henry Parsons to properly qualify as mayor of the city on Jan. 1.

It is also currently reported that Mayor F. R. S. Mildon has engaged counsel to determine whether he is legally elected mayor, and if not to inquire into the status of Gen. Parsons.

It is alleged that Gen. Parsons is not naturalized on the one hand, and on the other that he cannot therefore become mayor.

The recent municipal election was one of the bitterest in the annals of the city. Gen. Parsons in a spirited contest for the nomination defeated Ex-Mayor Walter B. Morse and Alderman R. O. Clark by a large vote and became the republican nominee in the caucuses. Pitted against him was Mayor F. R. S. Mildon, the democratic and independent republican candidate. The contest was waged with great energy and much bitterness.

Mayor Mildon was defeated by 115 votes, and a recount was held and he was defeated according to the returns by 124 votes. There was much feeling exhibited at the result of the election and various rumors were placed in circulation tending to affect Gen. Parsons' standing as a citizen, and a published statement yesterday relative to the matter drew from Attorney Winfield Temple, Gen. Parsons' manager in the campaign, the following statement last evening:

"Gen. Henry Parsons has nothing to say and considers the whole matter beneath his attention, believing that it is nothing but an attempt to injure him. The whole story is a fabrication from beginning to end, and Gen. Parsons is a citizen of the United States and will take the chair when the time comes."

New Xmas goods. Oriental Bazaar.

Casto Theatre

TOMORROW

Y. M. C. A.

MEN'S MEETING

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BILLERICA

The committee on the 250th anniversary of the town of Billerica has found that it will take $3000 to meet the expenses incurred in the proposed celebration. At the last town meeting the sum of $500 was raised to assist the committee in carrying out the plans, and it is expected that a similar amount can be raised in different ways, leaving the sum of $2000 to the vote of the citizens at the town meeting in March.

The executive committee has made out a synopsis of the program which will be as follows:

Sunday, May 28th, union religious service in tent, morning and evening; Monday, May 29th, ringing of bells, sunrise and sunset; morning—exercises in tent, consisting of music by the band, prayer, songs by the school children, addresses by the president of the day, and by the governor, oration, etc.; at noon there will be a public dinner, in tent, with speaking. A reception will be given to the governor in town hall at close of dinner, and band concert on the common; also fireworks and band concert in the evening. On Tuesday, which is Memorial day, in addition to the customary services at the local burying grounds, a list of sports will be included, which will prove a fitting climax to the celebration. The general committee in charge numbers over a hundred members, being sub-divided into 14 sub-committees and an executive committee. If present plans do not fail, the anniversary festivities will rival anything of like nature ever held in the state.

The class of 1905 of the Howe High school held a very pleasant social in Smith's hall at Jones' corner last evening, there being about 75 people present. The affair was very successful and dancing was enjoyed until midnight.

Talbot lodge, No. 41, New England Order of Protection, elected their officers for the ensuing year, at the regular meeting Thursday night, as follows:

Warden, Mrs. Wm. H. Hutchins; vice warden, Mrs. I. M. Brown; secretary, A. H. Andrews; financial secretary, Mrs. I. J. Benson; treasurer, T. F. Lyons; guardian, Fred Pasho; guide, W. H. Sexton; sentinel, E. Peterson; chaplain, Mrs. A. M. Spaulding, and trustee for three years, T. Emery Smith.

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OFFICE, LOWELL, MASS.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

THE SALE OF THE JOHN I. COGGESHALL PAINTINGS AND WATER COLORS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE ART GALLERIES, CENTRAL BLOCK, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS, DECEMBER 21 AND 22, BEGINNING PROMPTLY AT 3 O'CLOCK EACH AFTERNOON. THERE ARE SOME ONE HUNDRED PICTURES IN ALL, REPRESENTING HOME, EUROPEAN AND ORIENTAL SCENES, IN ALL THEIR RICH AND BRILLIANT COLORINGS. THIS IS THE FIRST SALE BY MR. COGGESHALL IN LOWELL IN FOUR YEARS, AND WILL BE THE LAST PUBLIC SALE FOR MANY YEARS. THE EXHIBITION, TO WHICH ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED, IS CONTINUOUS FROM 9 A.M. TO 9 P.M. DAILY. THE CHARACTER AND DIGNITY OF THIS EXHIBITION HAVE NEVER BEEN EXCELLED IN LOWELL.

TUESDAY

We shall, on Tuesday, the 20th day of December, 1904, at one o'clock noon, upon the premises, High Street, at the corner of Blackstone Street, Central Falls, Rhode Island, regardless of weather conditions, make disposition at absolute auction sale, of our manufacturing plant (real estate), which is capable of utilization for almost any industrial purpose; also 3000 tons of Copper Slag. The entire property will be divided into six lots.

NEW ENGLAND ELECTROLYTIC COPPER COMPANY.

The property is well situated in the city of Central Falls, is centrally located between the Samoset Company, the Mossberg Wrench Company, the Howard & Bullough American Machine Company, limited, the Farwell Worsted mills, the American Hair Cloth Company, the Royal Weaving Company, the United States Cotton Company and many, many more prosperous industries; skilled and unskilled labor in abundance; fire and police protection; high grade schools, street cars, city sewers, etc., are right at hand; the Providence division of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., is on one side, the Worcester division on another side, and in part the property extends to the Blackstone river; there is an elevated spur track running through the premises; the plant is within 5 or 6 minutes' walk of the business centre, is within a mile of both the business and manufacturing centres of Pawtucket, within 2 miles of Lonsdale, and within 5½ miles of the business centre of the city of Providence; Central Falls is in splendid financial condition, and a new industry or industries locating on this property may secure exemption from taxation for a period of 10 years.

LOT ONE—96,520 sq. ft. of land, upon which are 5 2-story heavy frame buildings (finished in single stories) 152x39 ft. 129x52 ft., 164x65 ft. 53x60 ft. and 62x50 ft.; brick engine and dynamo house, 99x48ft.; boiler house, 82x50 ft.; modern 2-story office building, 39x38 ft. with 4 offices, toilet room and large hall on each floor, and large vault on lower floor; 143-ft. brick chimney, with 15x15 ft. base; Fairbanks dormant scales and hydraulic elevators in the buildings; large shipping and storage sheds with the spur track; immense coal bin beside spur track; the right to take water from the Blackstone river and empty into the same.

LOT TWO—97,880 sq. ft. of land, with heavy frame building, 122x47 ft., part one and part two stories high. In the building is a hydraulic elevator and set of Fairbanks dormant scales; a frame 2½ story building, 57x41 ft. and small single-story building; the land has a frontage of 332 feet on the railroad.

LOTS THREE, FOUR AND FIVE—Have areas of about 20,000 sq. ft. each, and have frontages on Blackstone, High and Algan sts., and on Blackstone river; they have all municipal advantages, and are very desirable tracts for manufacturing purposes.

LOT SIX—3000 or more tons of copper slag, samples of which have assayed 4.19 per cent. of copper, 3.07 ounces of silver, and .276 ounces of gold per ton.

Property open for inspection after the 16th upon application to our office, Union Trust Company Building, Providence. Illustrated catalogues, with detail of property, upon application at the office of the auctioneers. G. L. & H. J. GROSS, Managers of Estates.

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The Goodness of the Gloves

If there is no better gift than good gloves, it is hard to imagine a more mistaken one than poor ones.

If You Buy Your Gloves Here You Run No Risks

Our Glove Department is well equipped to cater to your wants for Christmas.

A First Class New, Fresh Stock. Values That Are Unequalled Anywhere

Plenty of Expert Glove Fitters to Assist You. Try Us Today.

No man need hesitate to come to this dry goods store to buy Christmas presents any more than he would to enter a men's store. We can make your shopping easy.

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MERRIMACK AND MIDDLE STREETS

THE WEATHER
The indications are that it will be cloudy, probably snow tonight and and Sunday, fresh northerly to easterly winds increasing in force.

THE LOWELL SUN

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NIGHT EDITION

HE WAS POISONED

Charles Cowley Sues Locks & Canals Company

Claims He Was Poisoned for 10 Days as Result of River Water Getting Into City Mains at Merrimack Mills Fire

Charles Cowley, the well-known lawyer, has just brought a novel suit against the Locks and Canals company naming himself as the plaintiff. He sues to recover $5000 damages as the alleged result of being poisoned on July 19, 1903, and for ten days thereafter because of the leakage of Merrimack river water from the main of the defendant company into the city mains.

It will be remembered that at the time of the fire in the Merrimack mills through an alleged defect in the pipe a great quantity of river water which should have been confined to the Locks and Canals fire service, poured into city water mains with the result that there was a jump in the number of typhoid cases reported to the board of health. The latter body made an investigation and finding the cause of the trouble had it rectified.

Mr. Cowley claims that he was poisoned by this polluted city water and hence brings the suit.

LOCAL SYNDICATE

Wants Old B. & M. Depot for Big Hall

The Sun's Scheme for Hall and Market on White Lot to be Applied to B. & M. Station by Syndicate

It is understood that a syndicate, in which several local men are interested intends to turn the train sheds of the old Boston & Maine depot in Central street into a public hall and market. It appears that some Boston railroad officials have also a hand in the affair.

Architect Harry Graves has been engaged to draw plans.

To a representative of The Sun Mr. Graves stated that he had been approached by a syndicate to draw plans for the erection of such a building but he did not care to divulge the names of the people. It is understood, however, that one or two of them belong in this city while the others are of Boston and cities and towns in the vicinity.

The syndicate evidently wants its movements kept quiet until it has perfected all its plans and is ready to go ahead.

The train shed of the local station in Central street has been on the hands of the railroad for a number of years, the front portion of the building being occupied by the New England Telephone and Telegraph company of this city, and a part further back by Auctioneer Keyes.

It has been understood that the railroad authorities have been trying to do something with the train shed of the building for a number of years and not until the recent agitation for a public market and hall was there anything thought of turning the building into a public hall. It is thought that if the railroad people could devise plans to have the building changed over in order to make a market and hall out of it without a great expense the project would be pushed ahead.

The scheme which The Sun proposed for the city on the White lot is being taken up to be adopted on the old Boston and Maine station and the city will then be the loser. The site is wholly unsuitable but if the people have no more convenient place they may go there. An act of the legislature will be needed to give the Boston and Maine permission to close or dispose of the station in this way.

PLEADED GUILTY

Italian Set Fire to a House

WORCESTER, Dec. 17—Lawson Nearl, an Italian, is alleged to have set fire to a dwelling house occupied by four Italian families in Millbury early today. He walked six miles to Worcester to take a train for New York and was captured by two patrolmen. He was arraigned before Judge Alley in the central district court, pleaded guilty and was held in $500 bonds for the superior court.

The fire was set in the cellar where Noarl actuated by a spirit of revenge, it is claimed, poured kerosene over everything and touched a match. The blaze was discovered after it burned through the first floor and the twenty occupants escaped. The fire was extinguished with small loss.

CASE OF SUICIDE

MOUNTED POLICE OFFICER WAS FOUND DEAD.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Mounted Policeman Frederick Schultze was found dead on Kensington avenue early today with a bullet hole back of his right ear. His horse was standing nearby. His right hand was bare and his revolver was lying within a foot or two of the body. The police authorities believe it is a case of suicide. Schultze has been under charges recently.

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BOULDER UNVEILED

DR. MOSES G. PARKER.

It Was Dedicated to the Dracut Heroes Today

Impressive services were conducted at the Old Yellow Meeting House in Dracut centre this afternoon, the occasion being the unveiling of a boulder and tablet in memory of the citizens of Dracut who fought in the Revolutionary war, the boulder being presented by the members of Old Middlesex chapter, Sons of American Revolution.

The boulder is placed in the front of the meeting-house yard and stands about four feet high and on it is a bronze tablet bearing the inscription:

In Memory of the Men of
Dracut
Who Served in the Revolutionary War
1775-1783.
423 Out of a Population of 1173.
Placed by Old Middlesex Chapter,
Sons of the American Revolution,
1904.

Among those present were many of the residents of the town, members of Old Middlesex chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, and the members of the three chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution in this city.

The meeting-house was packed to its capacity shortly after 2 o'clock when President Solon W. Stevens called to order. The meeting opened with invocation by Rev. Wilson Waters, pastor of All Saints church of Chelmsford, and chaplain of the Sons of the American Revolution, and was followed by the singing of "America" by the congregation.

DR. PARKER'S ADDRESS.

Dr. Moses G. Parker of this city then in a few well spoken words presented the boulder to the town of Dracut. Dr. Parker spoke in part as follows:

Mr. President and Selectmen of Dracut:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—As chairman of the committee on markers, appointed by the Old Middlesex Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, it becomes my privilege to present to the town of Dracut, through its selectmen, Messrs. Fox, Colburn and Parker, this bronze tablet, placed here by the Old Middlesex Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, to perpetuate the memory of the four hundred and twenty-three sons of Dracut, who served in the American revolution from 1775 to 1783.

Time will not permit me to read these names, you will find them all recorded in a beautiful book, presented to the town library, by the Molly Varnum Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, June 25, 1903.

In this list will be found the names of thirty-three Coburns, fifteen Varnums, fourteen Richardsons, thirteen Parkers, eleven Jones, nine Foxes, seven each of Abbott, Davis, Hall and Sawyer, six each of Barker, Bradly, Hildreth, Lindsey and Wood, five each of Barrows, Bowers, Clement, Clough, Crosby, Harris, Kelly and Taylor, four each of Flint, Foster, Goodhue, Marshall, Mears and Wright.

From these four hundred and twenty-three sons, one hundred and twelve were at the battle of Lexington and Concord; twenty-three at Bunker hill; sixty-three at Saratoga, seven at White Plains, sixty-nine at Rhode Island and seventy-four in New York state. Sixty-one are recorded as being in the Continental army and twenty-three in the northern army.

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THE BOULDER AND TABLET PRESENTED THE TOWN OF DRACUT (Photo by Rounds).

TWO MORE SUITS

Brought Against U. S. Cartridge Company

AS RESULT OF SECOND EXPLOSION

Sick Woman Was Affected by the Shock

Robert Gormley and his wife Lulu M. Gormley, through their counsel, Charles Cowley, have brought suit against the United States Cartridge company, the husband in the sum of $1000, and the wife in the sum of $5000, as the result of the explosion which took place in the factory of the defendant company on July 18th last. This is not the big explosion but that which took place in in the priming house.

The Gormleys live nearby the Cartridge company and Mrs. Gormley was very ill on the day of the explosion, having given birth to a child the day previous. It is claimed that the shock of the explosion had a severe effect upon the sick woman and greatly retarded her recovery. The husband sues for the loss of his wife's aid and society.

CHADWICK PLEA

Accused Woman Says Not Guilty

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 17—Mrs. Chadwick pleaded not guilty to all the indictments found against her by the special federal grand jury. She will not give bail and will again be locked up in the county jail.

SHE FAINTED

MRS. CHADWICK HAD A SERIOUS SPELL.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Chadwick this morning had her first experience with Sheriff Barry's new rule that she should receive no visitors except in the regular visiting hours. Her nurse, Freda Swanstrom, called at the jail, was told that she could not see Mrs. Chadwick, and departed after leaving some small articles. Her physical condition and temper were much improved this morning. She laughed heartily at several stories in the newspapers, one of which declaring that she had received a check for $85,000,000 "payable on the bank of the River Jordan," seeming to afford her especial amusement. After walking about the jail corridor for some time, Mrs. Chadwick said she was ill, and a physician was summoned. Before Dr. R. A. Wall had reached the jail, Mrs. Chadwick fainted. A few restoratives soon restored to consciousness.

THE LAW EVADED

Builders Take Advantage of Loose Ordinance

Supt. O'Connor of the public buildings department has been having an interesting time with certain owners of property and the result of the loose construction of the building ordinance.

Section 12 of the building ordinance reads as follows: The exterior and party walls of all buildings hereafter erected, wholly or in part within said district, shall be built of brick, stone, iron, or other hard and incombustible material. All such walls when constructed of brick, stone, or other incombustible substance, shall be solidly and firmly laid in mortar or cement, and shall not be less than eight inches thick, and the roof shall be securely covered with slate, tin, gravel or other incombustible material. And if the building is more than thirty-two feet in height, then the walls to the height of the first story shall not be less than sixteen inches thick, and those above the first story not less than twelve inches. In all three-story buildings, the walls of the first two stories shall not be less than sixteen inches thick.

Some time ago Rostler Brothers applied for a permit to make alterations and additions to a wooden building at the corner of Middlesex and McIntyre streets. The building in question is a rather dilapidated looking one and one half story wooden building located on the down town side of McIntyre street at the corner of Middlesex.

Now the fire district extends to the middle of McIntyre street, the line running through the center of the street and thus including Rostler Brothers' building in the district.

Superintendent O'Connor after an inspection refused to grant the necessary permit.

Then Rostler Bros. applied to the board of aldermen for a permit and on November 12 the board passed an order granting them leave to make alterations to a wooden building at premises described subject to approval of the superintendent of buildings.

When they resumed work on the building Supt. O'Connor sought to stop them but found after consultation with the city solicitor that on account of the order of the aldermen he had no power to stop the improvement of the wooden building but could insist upon the manner in which the improvements are made.

Thus through the looseness of the building ordinance as at present constructed the aldermen in one section are permitted to violate what is laid down in another.

EXTRA

CAME TO LOWELL

Men Suspected of Murder are Probably Here

NASHUA, Dec. 17—The autopsy on the body of John Shula the Pole who was found lying dead with his head nearly blown off by a gun shot yesterday at Hudson, was not held today, as the body is still frozen. It is expected it will take place tomorrow. County Solicitor Wilson, Sheriff Doane and the chief of the Hudson police today made a searching inquiry among the members of the local Polish colony but no new facts were brought out. No trace has yet been found of Shula's companions on the hunting trip in the Hudson woods, Joseph Bertig and his brother, Stanislaus Bertig. Police throughout New England have been notified to be on the look out for them. It is believed they went in the direction of Lowell.

GOV. DOUGLAS

Will Arrive in Lowell at 5.38 Today

WILL REMAIN HERE OVER SUNDAY

Will be Guest of Rev. Mr. Fisher

Governor-elect Douglas will visit Lowell this evening to remain over Sunday as the guest of his old friend and former employe, Rev. C. E. Fisher. About the time of his election Mr. Douglas promised Rev. Mr. Fisher that he would visit him on some Sunday during the month of December and recently made the engagement for tomorrow.

Accordingly Rev. Mr. Fisher went to Boston today to meet the governor-elect and they will return to Lowell on the 5 o'clock train out of Boston arriving in this city at 5.38. It is expected that quite a few will be at the depot to meet and greet the governor-elect. Mr. Douglas will remain over tomorrow and will attend service at the First Universalist church tomorrow.

NO AGREEMENT

Fall River Strike is Still On

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 17.—At 2.35 the doors of the manufacturers' rooms were thrown open and it was announced that no agreement had been reached between the labor leaders and the mill men. Secretary Taylor, speaking for the operatives, said that after a four hours' discussion the proposition was advanced by the labor men that a 6¼ per cent. reduction be enforced for three months at the end of which time the old rate should be restored, if conditions warranted.

This proposition was rejected. It was then proposed to leave the matter to arbitration by the National Civic Federation.

This proposition was not looked upon favorably by the manufacturers but was left open. A meeting of the textile council will be called tomorrow.

BON MARCHE JUNGLE.

Mme Schell and her troupe of performing lions have proved such a strong attraction this week that the management have arranged to hold them over for another week which will be good news for those who did not have a chance to see this thrilling exhibition.

The jungle will be open at 10 o'clock today in order to accommodate the usual Saturday crowd, and Mme. Schell will give several extra performances.

CARD OF THANKS.

We the undersigned take this public method to give expression of our heartfelt gratitude to the many kind friends and neighbors who by words of condolence and by floral evidence manifested their grief in the loss by death to us of a devoted wife and a loving mother—the late lamented Anna M. Roach all will be held in lasting and loving remembrance by.

MR. LAWRENCE ROACH AND CHILDREN.

STORM WARNING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The local weather bureau has received the following from Washington:

"Northeast storm warning displayed 11 a. m. from Delaware Breakwater to Cape Cod. Ohio valley storm will move eastward to middle Atlantic coast today with snow and increasing easterly winds shifting tonight to northerly on middle Atlantic and south New England coasts and south shifting to west squalls on southern Atlantic coast."

WANTED—A cook at 95-97 John st.

MORTALITY OF LOWELL

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 17, 1904.

Population 104,402; total deaths 39; deaths under five 13; infectious diseases 3; acute lung diseases 10; diphtheria 2.

Death rate: 19.42 against 14.94, 12.45 for previous two weeks.

Infectious diseases reported: Typhoid fever 1, scarlet fever 3, diphtheria 6, measles 1.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Consult your doctor about your cough

At the same time ask him what he thinks of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. He will know all about it, for we send doctors the formula. For over 60 years doctors have endorsed it for coughs, colds, weak lungs, bronchitis, asthma. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

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Largest variety shown in Lowell. Low prices for Christmas trade. Over 50 styles to choose from

WELCH BROS.
61 and 63 Middle St.

After January First

Rooms No. 2 and No. 8, Associate Building, lately occupied by the Red, White and Blue Stamp Co., will be to rent. Applications for same may be made to the janitor.

H. J. KEYES.

The Central Savings Bank
58 Central St.

Deposits, - - - - $4,020,626.77
Surplus, - - - - 342,757.35

Interest begins quarterly.
C. W. WHIDDEN, Treas.

Christmas Drafts
Lowest Rates
PAYABLE IN ANY COUNTRY
Traders Nat. Bank
Middlesex St. and P. O. Ave.
HOURS: 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Elevator For Sale

Good hand elevator with mechanism complete, formerly used in the H. B. Shatluck hardware store. May be seen in running order at 50 Central street. Will sell cheap.

INQUIRE AT THE SUN OFFICE.

6 O'CLOCK

GARDNER IS ILL

Lowell Boxer is in a Serious Condition

Michael Cushing, clerk at the Belvidere hotel received a telegram from George Gardner who is in Butte, Montana, saying that he is seriously ill and requesting Mr. Cushing to start for Butte at once. The telegram states that Gardner has pneumonia and that his temperature at the time the telegram was sent was 105. Jimmy Gardner is in Butte, but he too is sick, having been seized with a severe cold two days before he fought Jack O'Keefe. Mr. Cushing will go to Butte if he can make arrangements to absent himself from his work.

CONTEMPTIBLE HOAX

GEORGE BURNS REPORTED DEAD IS ALIVE.

A contemptible hoax has been perpetrated not only upon The Sun but upon Mrs. George Burns of the Navy Yard, Dracut. Yesterday morning an employe of The Sun who resides in Dracut received a letter stating that George Burns, a weaver at the Navy Yard, died in a Boston hospital. The Sun not satisfied to take the statement of an unsigned letter telephoned to the Navy Yard, and sure enough Hodge and Stevens had been notified by telephone that George Burns was dead at a Boston hospital.

Mrs. Burns today called at The Sun office for information and waited while we telephoned the morgue and several hospitals, but no news could be found of any such death.

Then a brother of Mrs. Burns decided to go to Boston but before going went to see a relative of the man supposed to be dead and there found George Burns alive and well.

When Mrs. Burns saw the letter received at The Sun office she said it looked like her husband's writing. If he wrote that he played a most contemptible trick, not only upon his wife but upon this paper and one for which he may yet be punished. When found he said he was about to come to The Sun office to contaradict the report instead of hurrying to notify his wife and relatives. The matter will be investigated.

ISABELLA TABLE MEETS.

The Isabella table, connected with the K. of C. carnival and which is known by some as the Mathews' table, owing to that organization lending its assistance to the project, held a meeting at the M. T. I. quarters last evening, with a large number of ladies present. The business meeting i nthe early evening was presided over by Chairman Hunt. Later the main hall was cleared for dancing, which was enjoyed until midnight.

The officers of the dane were: Floor marshal, Charles J. Defor; aids, Bernard McNally, Wm. Higgins, Jas. F. Bourke, John J. Lyons, Walter E. Flaherty and John J. Coyne.

ON 58 HOUR SCHEDULE.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 17.—The plant of the Howard and Bullough American machine company, limited which has been running for over a year on a time schedule of 45 hours a week, commences on Monday on a 58 hour schedule. The plant is the largest machine shop in the city and employes about 100.

Business depression a year ago caused the short time schedule, but the company claims that they now have a rush of orders with prospect of excellent business.

FUNDS PROVIDED

FOR REARMAMENT OF THE BRITISH ARTILLERY.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The war office and the treasury have at last reached an arrangement to provide funds for the rearmament of the artillery and it is understood that war secretary Arnold Foster yesterday signed contracts which with the guns to be built at Woolwich arsenal will result in the supply of 130 batteries of field artillery and thirty batteries of horse artillery, with new pattern guns within nine months.

LORD FAIRFAX SAILS.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 17.—The Cunard line steamer Campania, which sailed for New York today by way of Queenstown took among her passengers Lord Fairfax and Wm. Forbes Fisher.

Hood's Lotion

Is the best application for a hard, rough, dry skin, scaly eruptions, chaps and chafes.

There is nothing to be compared with it for making and keeping the hands smooth and soft.

Try it. All Druggists, 35c.

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MINISTER DECLINES CALL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Dr. Wm. T. Manning, Vicar of St. Agnes and recently elected assistant rector of Trinity church has declined a call from Harrisburg, Pa., as bishop of that diocese of the Episcopal church. His acceptance of the assistant rectorship and the declination of the offer of the See of Harrisburg follow a spirited contest which has been waged during 10 days past between many prominent Pennsylvanians and the Trinity interests. The vicars decision was to remain here however, and it is probable that upon the retirement of Dr. Morgan Dix he will become spiritual head of the Great Trinity corporation.

STOCK MARKET

Today's Quotations on Active Stocks

The following are the closing quotations of today's stock market for active stocks:

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Am Sugar	140¾
*Am Sugar pfd	138
A & T	85⅛
A & T pfd	109⅛
B & O	100¼
B & O pfd	96½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	58¾
Chi & Gt W	22½
C M St & P	169⅛
C R & P	33½
C R & P pfd	83½
Con Gas	202
Del & Hud	185¾
Erie R R	36⅝
Erie 1st	74½
*Gen Elect	186¾
Manhat Con	102¾
Mo Kan & Tex	31¾
Mo Kan & Tex pfd	63¾
Met St Ry	120⅝
Mis Pac	107⅞
N Y Cen	140
N Y Ont & W	43⅛
Penn	136¾
People's Gas	106½
So Pac	62½
Reading	75¼
Reading pfd	90½
*Reading 2d pfd	81½
Tex & Pac	35
Union Pac	110
Union Pac pfd	95
U S Steel	29⅝
U S Steel pfd	91¾
Wabash	20½
Wabash pfd	41
W U Telegraph	94
U S Leather	14⅝
U S Leather pfd	101¾

BOSTON STOCKS.

Adventure	5½
Amalgamated	67⅛
American Wool	31½
American Wool pfd	93¼
Am Tel & Tel	117⅞
Arcadia	13
Atlantic	16¾
Anaconda	29
Anaconda	19⅞
Allouez	18
B & Maine	175
Bingham	31⅞
Boston	61½
Calumet & Hecla	545
Centennial	24
Chicago Junction	15⅛
Chicago Junction pfd	42½
Copper Range	67
Dom Steel	18½
Dom Coal	63½
Daly-West	12½
Elm River	23⅛
Elevated	155
Fitchburg	139¼
Franklin	11½
Gravity	31
Greene	27½
Mass	8¾
Mass Gas	38
Mass Gas pfd	89½
Mass Electric	14
Mass Electric pfd	60
Mayflower	1
Mex Cen	21⅝
Michigan	9½
M C & C	5
Mohawk	50
N E Tel	137
Osceola	95¾
N Y, N H & H R R	197½
Old Colony Mine	14¾
Old Colony R R	202¾
Old Dominion	23¾
Shannon	8½
Royal	26
Rhode Island	18⅝
Tamarack	118
Tennessee	39
Parrott	28½
Quincy	103
Santa Fe	23⅝
Trinity	17
United States	24⅞
United States Oil	11⅛
Utah	42½
Victoria	4⅞
Winona	12½
Wolverine	104
Western Tel	20⅛
Western Tel pfd	90
West End	93
West End pfd	112
Wyandotte	1⅝

*Ex-Dividend.

NINE LIVES LOST

In Glen Island Steamer Burned Off Long Island

Repetition of the Slocum Disaster With Less Loss of Life—The Passengers Surrounded by Flames While They Slept

By the burning of the Starin line steamer Glen Island in Long Island Sound today, nine lives were lost and property roughly estimated at a quarter of a million dollars was destroyed. That more lives were not sacrificed undoubtedly was due to the personal courage of the officers and crew and the excellent discipline maintained when a horrible death for all seemed almost a certainty. When the steamer was abandoned she was flame swept from stem to stern and yet the only persons who lost their lives were those whose escape had been entirely cut off by the fire before the alarm reached them. Of the 81 persons including 10 passengers who sailed away on the Glen Island last night, 22 including eight passengers were brought back today.

The dead are:

Passengers:

UNKNOWN HEBREW WOMAN, said to have resided at 206 Hamilton street, New Haven.

UNKNOWN MAN, supposed to be a New Yorker.

Crew:

W. HENDRICKSON, Asst. engineer.

LUMAN MILLER, fireman.

JOHN BURKE, fireman.

OTTO T. ALOFRAN, fireman

O. BERR, deck hand.

PETER HENSEN, deck hand.

Among the passengers rescued were: Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Street, New Haven; two daughters of the Streets; Max Levin, New York; Nathan Dubin, 252 Cedar street, New Haven; Arthur Wallace, Wallingford, Conn.

The Glen Island left her dock here at 9.30 last night on her regular trip for New Haven. There were 10 passengers and a crew of 21 men including Captain Charles E. McAllister, first mate Ira Larsen, Pilot Thomas McMullen and Quartermaster John O'Brien. The trip down through the sound was without incident and just before midnight when about three miles this side of Greenwich, Conn. Captain McAllister left the pilot house and went below for his midnight lunch. At this time there was no indication of trouble, but hardly had the captain reached the galley when there came a rush of stifling smoke from the hold of the steamer and every electric light on board the craft was extinguished.

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PLUCKY WOMEN

DESERVES RECOGNITION BY THE CHARITABLE.

Don't be selfish!

Christmas is near at hand and the ordinary mind is filled with thoughts of Christmas presents. There are many things more important than the buying of Christmas presents and some that are productive of a great deal more pleasure.

There are a great many poor families in Lowell who are worthy the sympathy and assistance of all who can afford to give. The attention of The Sun has been called to several poor families and The Sun has made mention of them in its columns.

Today The Sun learned of a family in hard circumstances and visited the family in question. The house was clean and everything about the place was scrupulously neat but the wood box, the pantry and coal bin were empty. A brave little woman, struggling to push back her tears, told the reporter her story and instead of trying to have conditions appear worse than they really were the little woman with the sad, white face and the clean apron struggled to look ahead to better times. That little woman not only deserves your sympathy and assistance but her name should go down in history as one of the brave women of her time.

Her husband died five years ago leaving her to care for seven small children. Since her husband's death she has earned money by scrubbing floors and washing clothes and there have been times since her husband died that the wolf of hunger barked at the door and he is still on the premises. The only boy who is able to work has now been out of employment for several weeks. The others are too young to work. Some winter clothing for the boys and the little girl would be much appreciated by this brave and fond little mother. Her address can be obtained at this office.

A. O. H. BAZAAR

AWARDS MADE BY DIVISION 8, A. O. H.

The bazaar of Division 2, A. O. H., held recently, was a great success. The attendance was very large and the financial returns ahead of expectations. The following awards were made:

Season tickets: Ten dollar gold piece, Mary J. O'Mally, 55 Rock street; ton of coal, Patrick Curtin, 211 Church street; barrel of flour, Patrick Brennan, 29 Elliott street; chest of tea, Frank Martin, 31 Cady street; pair of shoes, John Walsh, 779 Westford street; tub of butter, John D. Finegan, 732 Lawrence street.

Auxiliary fair—Chest of tea, Mary E. Collton, 4 Eaye street; tub of butter, James McCann, 15 Walnut street; rocking chair, Margaret Marshall, 12 Congress street; box of cigars, John Halligan, Talbot street, South Lowell; boys' suit of clothes, Thos. Kane, 6 Griffin street; portrait of Rev. J. P. Roche awarded to Lizzie Purcell, 150 Charles street; fancy rocker, M. A. Kenney, 7 Fairmount street.

Immaculate Conception table—Box of cigars, Joe White, 197 Perkins street; plaster caste of Madonna, Hugh Garrity Washington house; pair of shoes, Annie Cassidy, St. Patrick's home; parlor clock, Lizzie Hanley, 147 Fayette street; gas lamp, Polly McCoy, Wamesit; picture of St. Anthony, Nellie Manning, 118 Lawrence street; boy's suit of clothes, Custer Carer 1 Fenwick street; title, James Fall, 511 Lawrence street; gold watch awarded to Michael Donohoe, 560 Broadway.

ALARM OF FIRE

150 CHILDREN FILED OUT OF BUILDING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Fifteen hundred children of all ages were aroused from sleep by an alarm of fire in the Hebrew Orphan Asylum in Amsterdam Avenue before day light today and marched in safety from the building. They performed their fire drill precisely as they had been trained. Then the teachers and elder boys composing the fire brigades attacked the blaze and quickly extinguished it. It was confined to a laundry and the damage was slight.

FOUR DROWNED

Boston Fishing Smack Was Shipwrecked

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17—Two young men, John H. Lincoln, aged 17 and Richard Straem, a German aged 21 who applied at the local police station for assistance to their homes in New York City tell a story of shipwreck on the fishing grounds in which the Boston fishing smack Marshall L. Hayden, is reported lost and four of her crew of 23 drowned. The men saved, escaped from the Hayden in dories and were picked up by the schooner Jennie and Agnes and were landed at Boston yesterday.

The young men did not know where the wreck occurred but from their statement that they were 16 days out from Boston it is believed here that the wreck occurred off Newfoundland.

The Hayden is reported as being of 133 tons and commanded by Captain Morris. The young men did not know the names of the drowned seamen. Both will be sent to New York by steamer tonight.

They gave their residence as 48 Graham street, New York. Straem says he has followed the sea for a number of years while the trip on the Hayden was Lincoln's first venture of the sort.

PREMIER PETERS

WAS DEFEATED BY A SINGLE VOTE.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 17.—Official returns from the general provincial elections show that although the liberal government was sustained by a large majority, the leader of the party, Premier Arthur Peters, was defeated by one vote in St. Peters division. He is therefore without a seat in the legislature at least temporarily. On the face of the unofficial returns, he was apparently elected by six votes. Petitions have been filed against the return of all four men elected from Prince Edward Island to the house of commons in the federal elections early in November. Three are conservatives and the other is liberal. The petitioners asked that the seats be declared vacant on the ground that corrupt practices were committed by agents.

REPORT OF DEATHS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 17, 1904.

Dec.

5—Esther Carter 71, senile debility.
8—John H. Welch 62, ch. bronchitis.
John Dukes 55, found dead.
Muriel E. Gallagher 3 hours, prem. birth.
9—James Gray 82, heart disease.
William E. McCloughrey 31, suicide.
Mary Woods 6, diphtheria.
10—Hermine Brouillon 56, tuberculosis.
Catherine Moore 56, disease of liver.
Daniel Golden 42, myocarditis.
Mary Helsdin 1, tuberculosis.
11—Ellen McCarron 93, debility.
Melanie Neault 70, pneumonia.
Sarah Lahaniere 54, pneumonia.
Hugh A. Thompson 47, pneumonia.
Frederick A. Drary 41, fall
Augustine Balcoe 28, phthisis.
Joseph V. Arneault 4 mos., sclerosis.
Ralph Draper 1 mo., convulsions.
12—Mary C. Page 76, disease of heart.
Martin Lane 61, disease of eyes.
Thomas Mellvone 56, pneumonia.
Elizabeth B. Davis 48, alcoholism.
Loretta Foody 1, bronchitis.
Lorine D. Trull 10 days, inanition.
13—Anna Roach 67, nephritis.
Edmond D. Venne 28, pernicious anemia.
Kate McNamara 24, rheumatism
Hood Plaice 6 mos., pneumonia.
Frederick Ehrehart 4 mos., cleft, palate.
Anetta Pappadogiane 1 mo., cap bronchitis.
Mary Vice 1 day, prem. birth.
14—Rebecca L. Abbott 76, old age.
Ann E. Conlon 63, cer. hemorrhage.
15—Polycne Apostolakes 28, pneumonia.
Cyrille Groleau 1 day, cong. debility.
Mary Johnmore 29, phthisis.
James Corrigan 19, gas poisoning.
Helen Viator 3, diphtheria.
Lucien Therrien 2 mos., bronchitis.
16—Peter Mitchell 50, ulcer of stomach.

GIRARD P. DADMAN, City Clerk.

ANOTHER HOLD-UP

ASSAILANT MADE HIS ESCAPE IN THE DARK.

NEWTON, Dec. 17.—The second hold-up in this city within two weeks was committed early last evening within 150 yards of police station 3 on Washington street, when Ralph T. Laffle, son of Martin C. Laffle, an officer of the Newton municipal court, was assaulted by an unknown while on his way to his home at 49 Carleton street.

In the struggle Laffle, who had on his person a considerable sum of money, successfully beat off his assailant, who escaped in the darkness.

Laffle was walking along Channing street in the direction of his home, when a stranger who had been following him for some distance suddenly stepped to his side with the remark, "Hold on there. I want to see you a moment".

Laffle turned toward the man and as he did so, the latter aimed a blow at his head. Laffle eluded it and grappled with the stranger. Both men whirled from the sidewalk to the middle of the street when the unknown succeeded in forcing the hold which Laffle had upon him and ran down Channing street toward Washington.

Laffle kept him in sight until he reached the vicinity of station 3 when the man eluded him in the darkness. The officers of the station were notified as quickly as possible and Patrolmen Desmond and O'Halloran started in pursuit, but were unable to find any trace of the assailant.

GENERAL GRANT

MAKES FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO SEVERAL FORTS.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 17.—Brig.-Gen. Fred'k Grant, commanding the Atlantic division, arrived here today accompanied by Colonel John W. Pullman, chief quartermaster of his staff. General Grant came to make his first official visit to Forts Adams, Greble and Wetherell. He was met by Col. Wm. Ennis commanding the Narragansett defense station and his officers and inspected the government buildings. Owing to the deep snow there was no inspection of the troops. General Grant will return to New York tonight.

NO DECISION

IN THE GREENE AND GAYNOR CASE APPEAL.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The privy council, which yesterday began hearing the appeal of the United States against the decision of the justice of the crown at Quebec in the case of Greene and Gaynor, adjourned at the conclusion of the arguments today. Judgment will be rendered December 19.

PIO CENTRA

FAITHFUL ATTENDANT OF LATE POPE LEO IS DEAD.

ROME, Dec. 17.—Pio Centra, the faithful attendant of the late Pope Leo XIII, died here today of apoplexy, thus fulfilling his own prediction that he would soon follow his master. Centra, who was one of the most picturesque figures of the late pontifical, lived entirely for Pope Leo, sleeping practically in the same room and occupying the entire confidence of the late Pope.

CASWELL'S "IMMENSE" CANDIES

Are the purest, freshest and best for anyone to eat. We have a very large variety to select from. "Immense" chewing candy is still our leader. We have 16 of the most popular flavors, vanilla cream the leader, old fashioned molasses made of the best New Orleans molasses, the chocolate that everybody likes, strawberry flavored with pure fruit juice, lemon, orange, peach, choice peppermint, wintergreen, fine clove, birch, butterscotch and old fashioned chocolate caramels. These are flavored with the very best of oils and extracts. Besides these we have just begun to make chocolate cream kisses, caramels and creams, all made of the best cream and sugar. Next Saturday we will make a very fine line of black walnut fudge. Watch our window for a large line of Christmas candies. Prices from 15 to 40c per lb. Christmas canes and candy baskets a specialty. All this is made and sold at 114 Central street.

RETURNED HOME

Corp. Peltier Saw Service in Philippines

William Peltier, son of Merrill Peltier, of 130 Avon street, has returned from the Philippines, having received an honorable discharge from the 26th infantry in which he enlisted Dec. 1, 1901.

Peltier is 29 years of age and is proud of his army record. This is his third discharge, the enlistment in 1901 having been his third. He first enlisted in the Sixth Mass. regiment on May 13, 1898, for the Spanish war. There he served under Capt. Fairweather of company G. Returning to Lowell in 1899 he remained here three months and then re-enlisted, this time in the 26th Mass. volunteers. He went to the Philippines then and served two years under Capt. Greig, also of this city. He returned to Lowell in August, 1901 and again re-enlisted in December of the same year in the regiment from which he had been discharged, receiving the rank of corporal.

Corporal Peltier left the Philippines on the U. S. transport Thomas, arriving in San Francisco two weeks ago. He says he is yet undecided about re-enlisting for a fourth time. He has been in a number of skirmishes, and at the great battle of Mindanao in the Philippines, but always came out without a scratch, when several of his comrades fell around him.

FOURTH ANNUAL BALL

OF THE ZION CRICKET CLUB AT PRESCOTT HALL.

The fourth annual ball of the Zion Cricket club was held in Prescott hall last night, there being a good sized crowd and the affair was a grand success in every sense of the word.

Music for dancing was furnished by Hibbard's orchestra and the officers of the party were as follows:

General manager, Arthur Hindle; assistant general manager, J. Herbert Shepard; floor director, Burton H. Crosby; assistant floor director, Mathew Meikiejohn; aids, Charles E. Shepard, Edward Nelson, Geo. Bailey, Joseph Wilmot, Fred Crosby, B. O. Fielding, Harry L. Shedd, James Burns, Harry Meikiejohn, John R. Whittaker, Samuel Gulline, Herbert Hadley, William Croft, Jr.

Reception committee, Wm. Thatcher, chairman; Albert Sutcliffe, Albion Feiker, George Fish, James E. Donnelly, William Croft, Sr., Ambrose Hindle, Harry Maden, William Nelson, Z. Win Sturtevant, James G. Hill, George Clegg, Frank Felker, Wm. Thornton, John W. Bowker, Joseph Woodcock, Albert Bury, Albert Whitworth, Joseph Harrison, James B. Casey, I. E. Williamson.

THAWING OUT PIPES

SET FIRE TO HIS HOUSE BUT FRIENDS SAVED IT.

While trying to thaw out a water pipe yesterday, an Italian who occupies a tenement on the banks of Beaver brook in Collinsville, set fire to the house and but for the timely assistance rendered by a number of young men in the town the building would have been destroyed. A number of the young men who reside in the vicinity of the Italian's house, attracted to the scene by the flames, formed a bucket brigade and did effective work.

APPLETON EMPLOYES

HELD PRETTY DANCING PARTY IN MIDDLE STREET HALL.

A very pretty dancing party was held in American Mechanics hall in Middle street last night under the auspices of the employes of the Appleton cloth room. There was a very large attendance and those who attended had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Pease & Griffith's orchestra furnished music for dancing, a program containing 20 numbers being carried out.

The success of the affair was due to the zealous and unlring work of the following efficient corps of officials:

General manager, Patrick H. Farrell; assistant general manger, Andrew Tague; floor director, Thomas Gallagher; assistant floor director, Zenaide Staples; chief aid, Ethel M. Call; aids, George F. Adams, Rose Carey, Hugh Gallagher, Minnie O'Connell, Mamie Lagasse, Lillian Sanborn, Martin Gannon, Sarah Mullaney, Eva Christy, Patrick Cox, Miles Fletcher, Sadie Frye, Delia Gallagher, Rena Whitney, Patrick Monahan, Sadie T. Lannon, Nellie Kerby, Bernice Hovey, William Desmond; reception committee, Joseph A. Farrell chairman, George Churchill, Albert Campbell, Walter Gibson, Gladys Woodbury, Rose Leonard, Sarah Gallagher, Bertha Whitney, Carrie Breault, Fred Sanborn, Frank Burns.

SCHOONER AFIRE

Off Diamond Shoals at Baltimore

LEFT PORT TAMPA FOR PHILADELPHIA

She Belongs at Portland, Me., Worth $2500

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—The cruiser Topeka which passed in Cape Henry, Va., at 7 o'clock this morning reports that the schooner Clara Goodwin from Port Tampa for Philadelphia was afire off Diamond shoals.

BELONGS IN PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, Maine, Dec. 17.—The schooner Clara Goodwin, which was seen burning off Diamond Shoal hails from this port. She is a large vessel of 945 gross tonnage and 846 net. She was built at Bath in 1887. Her length is 191.2 feet, beam 38.8, and her depth of hold 18.5.

The Goodwin usually carries a crew of eight.

The schooner was owned by J. S. Winslow & Co. of this city, and was valued at $25,000.

She carried a cargo of phosphate rock from Port Tampa to Philadelphia and was commanded by Captain P. J. Ostman of Portland.

The crew of eight men were shipped here September 23. The Goodwin sailed light at that time for Boston where she loaded for Key West. From there she went to Port Tampa and loaded for Philadelphia. The crew which was shipped here consisted of the following:

E. S. McINTYRE, mate.
J. SMITH, engineer.
H. SEAFORD, cook.
OSCAR OLESON, seaman.
W. B. CLARK, seaman.
WELLAND WALTEROUS, seaman.
FELIX WIDELL, seaman.
A. G. OLESON, seaman.

PAID WIFE'S FINE

THEN HUSBAND TOLD HER TO SHIFT FOR HERSELF.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 17.—After a search of more than a year, Frank Wilkey, a milk dealer of Dudley, Mass., has found his missing wife in this city, living with a man named Logan, who formerly worked for Wilkey.

A year ago last September Mrs. Wilkey told her husband that she wanted to visit Worcester to buy a birthday gift for one of the children. Mr. Wilkey drove her to the railroad station and had not seen his wife since until he traced her to this city. The hired man, Logan, had left Wilkey's employ some time before, and Mrs. Wilkely is believed to have been living with him many months.

In police court yesterday morning Logan was heavily fined and sent to jail to work out his sentence. Since coming to this city he has been employed for a wood and coal company.

Mrs. Wilkey was also fined, but her husband paid the fine. He then told the woman that she had forfeited all right to his protection and affection, and after giving her sufficient money to get out of the state, he returned to his home in Massachusetts.

The Wilkey home is said to be provided with all that is ordinarily understood as being adequate for happiness and comfort. Beside her husband, Mrs. Wilkey left three children and an aged mother in her home.

7-20-4
10c CIGAR
Londres and Perfecto shapes will be packed in Souvenir Boxes of 25 each. Those wishing to make a holiday gift to a gentleman should order early. For sale by all first class dealers.
R. G. SULLIVAN, Mfr., Manchester, N. H.

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From All Parts of the World.
We have imported one of the largest and best lines of Holiday Goods to be found in New England, consisting of choice pieces in Haviland China, Royal Vienna, Royal Austria and Royal Dux from Bohemia and hand-painted Art Goods from Italy and France.
We are headquarters for Stock Pattern Dinner Ware. On our second floor we show over forty tables, each table a full set of dinner ware. When we say Stock Pattern we mean if you break a piece you can replace it any time.
Greenwood Bros.
CHINA STORE
241 CENTRAL STREET.

LATEST

HOOLEY SET FREE

The End of a Sensational Case

LONDON, Dec. 17.—After three weeks' trial, a jury in the central criminal court today found Ernest Terah Hooley not guilty and Henry J. Lawson guilty of obtaining money under false pretense. Lawson was sentenced to a year's imprisonment at hard labor.

Execution of the sentence of Lawson was postponed to permit an appeal to the crown cases reserved court. Lawson was admitted to bail in $30,000.

Hooley, whose bankruptcy was the sensation of 1898, was arrested in London, May 10 last, on the charge of conspiracy to defraud. Since his bankruptcy Hooley had been connected with various promotions. Lawson, another promoter, was taken into custody the same day in connection with the charge against Hooley. The technical charge against the prisoners was defrauding A. J. Payne of $50,000 by selling him shares of Siberian gold mines and other worthless concerns. Hooley was bailed in $40,000 and Lawson in $30,000.

SOLD AT AUCTION

THE BRISTOL COUNTY ROAD BROUGHT $30,000.

ATTLEBORO, Mass., Dec. 17.—John T. Burnett and John L. Hall, of Boston, receivers of the Bristol county street railway, sold the road and equipment at auction here today to John A. Arnold of Pawtucket for $30,000. The sale is subject to a mortgage of $250,000, held by the Federal Trust company, trustees for the holders of $200,000 bonds, and charges. Mr. Arnold, who was the only bidder, purchased the property in behalf of himself, Chas. M. Choate, Jr., of Boston and George H. Newhall of Providence, who it is understood are to operate the line. The road is a small one and has but six passenger coaches.

At the conclusion of the sale, the receivers left for Middleboro, where the Middleboro, Wareham and Buzzards Bay street railway was offered for sale under similar circumstances. Messrs. Burnett and Hall are receivers for the Middleboro line and the understanding here was that it would be bid in by the interests which purchased the Bristol county road.

ST. MARK'S BASILICA

ARCHITECT SAYS IT WILL BE PRESERVED.

ROME, Dec. 17.—Architect Manfredi, author of the report on the condition of the Bascila, of the St. Marks', Venice, is now in Rome and has written to the Italia saying that the measures proposed in the report are sufficient to prevent the damage becoming worse, adding that urgent and indispensable work has been going on with great activity and care since last June. The funds on hand are almost sufficient to complete it.

"Every exaggerated impression in Italy and abroad," Signor Manfredi continues, "can therefore be dispelled. The great monument presents somewhat the grave signs of weakness and disintergration but through the efficacious restorations begun and especially those proposed in the report, it will be long preserved."

COPS HELD UP

BY A NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD CONVICT.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 17.—Frank Ides, a nineteen-year-old convict with a record, who escaped from the state reformatory at Rahway three months ago, kept his freedom yesterday by holding off with revolvers six policemen who thought they had him cornered at his mother's home here. Ides is known as the Jersey Jesse James. On three occasions and perhaps oftener he has escaped from law officers in this county, they being the first to pull a gun.

Reports that he occasionally slipped into his home here for a night's sleep caused the house to be watched, and when it was learned yesterday that he had just entered there with a young man named McMillan, Capt. O'Leary and Sergeant McGurn led four policemen to the scene. The house was surrounded. Then McGurn and O'Leary went in.

They battered down the door of the only room that he locked. McMillan was found there, arrested without difficulty and turned over to Policeman O'Brien at the rear door. The sergeant and O'Leary had gone back and were looking through the garret when Ides emerged from beneath the stoop almost where Policeman O'Brien was standing.

"Here he is," yelled Detective McNamara. As he spoke a bullet grazed the rim of his hat.

"That's one for practice," remarked Ides. Then, firing all the time, he ran to a fence in the rear and leaped over it. He whipped out another revolver, and as he ran through the lot to East Jersey street he blazed away at the cops who were scaling the fence. He jumped on a trolley car bound up East Jersey street, but was not on board when it arrived uptown and hasn't been seen since. None of the policemen was hit.

FATHER KILLED

QUARREL OVER PUNISHING A PUPIL.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—Prof. J. E. Woodward, principal of the Magee High school of Magee, Miss., or his brother, today shot and killed Edward E. Mangum, the father of one of his pupils.

Yesterday Prof. Woodward whipped young Mangum for bad behavior in school. The father met the teacher that night and thrashed him. Today when Prof. Woodward and his brother were passing Mangum's place of business the quarrel was resumed. All three drew their weapons and fired and Mangum fell dead, shot through the head.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NAMED.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—It was announced today that Col. Edward F. Hamlin of Newton will remain executive secretary under the administration of governor-elect Wm. L. Douglas.

SUPREME COURT

Throws Out Votes in Colorado

DENVER, Col., Dec. 17.—Chief Justice Gabbert today announced the decision of the supreme court to throw out the entire vote of three precincts of Ward five and one precinct of ward 7 at the late election on the ground that gross frauds were committed in direct violation of the injunction served upon the election officials. The decision does not affect the vote for president and congressmen, but may have an important effect on the governorship.

A TOTAL WRECK

SCHOONER HARRY TROPP STRUCK ON ROCKS.

SHELBURNE, N. S., Dec. 17.—The schooner Harry Tropp, which during the past few years had been followed by a series of misfortunes, is a total wreck off Shelburne Point. The vessel struck on the rocks while on her way from Halifax to this port and Capt. George J. Thorburn and his crew were rescued with difficulty by fishermen. The captain was slightly injured.

The Harry Tropp was built at Liverpool, N. S., in 1901. Her gross tonnage was 232. Captain Thorburn was her principal owner. The vessel was insured for $9,000.

The vessel's troubles began about three years ago when she was seized by the Venezuelan government for alleged infraction of treaty rights.

Subsequently while the schooner was at Porto Rico, her captain was drowned. A few trips ago, Captain Thorburn who had become commander and owner, was the victim of a paralytic stroke and he had resumed charge of the vessel only a short time ago.

A NERVY ACT

POLICEMAN STOPPED A RUNAWAY HORSE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—A horse attached to a butcher's wagon ran away yesterday afternoon at Marcy and Division avenues, Williamsburg, and gave Policeman Bryan of the Clymer street station a chance to prove his mettle. Bryan saw the runaway coming along Marcy avenue and running behind it, climbed into the wagon and then crawled along the shaft to the horse's head. He was pulling hard at the reins when, as the horse turned into Broadway, he lost his balance and fell. He kept his grip on the reins, however, and was kicked and trampled for a block before the horse was finally stopped.

Bryan was pretty badly bruised and had to be relieved from duty. Only a few weeks ago he was laid up by another runaway.

WAS HELD UP

MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY COULD NOT LAND.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17—There is a "Man without a country" on the steamer Mongolia. When the immigration officers were examining the steerage passengers yesterday they came across Edward A. Kee, 20 years old, who confessed ignorance as to who or what his parents were. He said he was born in Chicago, was taken in charge at an early age by a Chinese named Charley Kee, and had been raised by him.

Three years ago young Kee was sent by Charley Kee to China to learn the language of that country and got a passport that expired a year ago. He is apparently a thorough Anglo-Saxon and says he believes from what he used to hear that his father was American an dhis mother Irish.

Charley Kee, whom he regards as his father, is a fullblooded Chinese, but an American citizen and is an inspector in the service of the Immigration Bureau at Washington, D. C. The young man may be allowed to land. A suspicion that he might be of Chinese extraction caused his detention.

FUNERALS

CORRIGAN—The remains of the late James Corrigan, the young man who was asphyxiated by gas at his room, 52 Tyler street, Thursday morning, were consigned to their final resting place in the Catholic cemetery this morning. The funeral took place at 8.30 o'clock from the home of his father, 26 Summer street, and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased. A high mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Peter's church at nine o'clock by Rev. Hugh J. McDermod. The choir was in attendance and sang the Gregorian mass during the service and appropriate selections were rendered by the members of the choir.

The bearers were Messrs. James Regan, George Duffy, Joseph Donovan, Edward Johnson, William O'Connell and Joseph Ackland.

The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. McDermod. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director John F. Rogers.

CONLON—The funeral of the late Anne E. Conlon took place this morning from her home, 53 Pleasant street, and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased, including a large number from out of town. The funeral cortege proceeded to the Immaculate Conception church where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. Fr. Lawrence, O. M. I.

The choir under the direction of Prof. P. P. Haggerty, sang Schmidt's mass and during the service appropriate selections were rendered by the members of the choir.

The bearers were Messrs. Michael McQuade, P. J. Brennan, H. F. Duggan and Mathew Connors.

The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Lawrence, O. M. I. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director Peter Davey.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Cotton futures closed steady. Dec. 7.56; Jan. 7.61; Feb. 7.70; March 7.80; April 7.87; May 7.93; June 7.99; July 8.01; Aug. 8.03; Sept. —; Oct. 7.98.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands 8.05; Middling gulf 8.30; sales none.

BOULDER UNVEILED

Continued.

without the place of service being given. Many were attached to companies and regiments, and the location of these companies and regiments is not given.

LIST OF HEROES.

In this list of four hundred and twenty three names, I find one colonel, Col. Louis Ansart.

Four Captains—Peter Coburn, J. B. Varnum, James Varnum, Stephen Russell.

Eleven Lieutenants—Abraham Coburn, Ephram Coburn, Simon Coburn, Niles Flint, William Hovey, Josiah Foster, David Jones, Temple Kendall, Abram Stickney, Ebenezer Varnum, Micah Hildreth.

Thirteen Sergeants—David Austin, Moses Barker, Timothy Barker, Samuel Barron, Jerathmeel Coburn, Abijah Fox, Peter Hunt, Jonothan Jones, Gershom Flag Lane, David Lindsey, Samuel Mansur, Mathew Parker, Jonothan Robbins.

Seven Corporals—Ephram Lindsey, Kendall Parker, Asa Spaulding, John Taylor, David Trull, Elijah Tuttle, John Hancock.

This is the record of the officers from Dracut's four hundred and twenty-three men, patriots in the American Revolution.

It is a record she may well be proud of; it places her among the first, if not the first on the list of towns, for patriots in the American Revolution, giving 36 per cent. of her entire population which was then only 1173 to the defence of our country.

From these patriots you and I are descended. We may well be proud of our ancestors and of the town in which we were born.

As we stand here on this sacred spot,

ARTHUR W. COLBURN, SELECTMAN.

we can imagine our ancestors in those early days coming here from the North, South, East and West, over these very roads, to meet, at their captain's call. The powder house, long since removed, stood near by.

It was here these patriots met for drill, for parade and for target practice, becoming proficient marksmen as shown at the battle of Lexington and Concord. Where of the 400 men that fell that day, less than 100 were Americans and over 300 were British.

The British, in their report of this battle to their king, complained of the Americans and called them murderers because they took aim in battle; they did take aim, and they hit the mark, not only at Lexington and Concord, but when they aimed at Old England as well. Because they were brave and dared to do this, you and I stand here today, free citizens of the United States of America; it is a blessed inheritance, which we should fondly cherish and so guard, that we may keep our rights inviolate and yield them not, without a struggle.

Our country has grown to proportions beyond our wildest imaginations. This has been so well expressed by the president of the Old Middlesex Chapter, Solon W. Stevens, on a former occasion that I must quote his words:—

"The tree of civil and religious liberty which the fathers planted and which Washington defended from the British woodman's axe, has grown to such proportions, that today not far from eighty millions of industrious people are leading prosperous lives beneath its benignant shade; and if you would measure the perimeter of its influence you must stretch the line from ocean to ocean."

"Moreover in these latter days impelled by irrepressible latent force, this monarch of the forest seems to be shooting out its roots beneath the water-flood, to be woven and entwined with the earthy substance of climes beyond the sea, in order that ultimately the lifeless air of the Orient may be stirred and quickened by the push and swing of the products of New England soil."

It is not yet one hundred and thirty years since the beacon light at Charlestown flashed its signal of alarm to Andover, from Andover to Tewksbury. Thence to Dracut Heights (Christian Hill) warning the towns that the British were coming and calling the "Minute Men" to arms long before Paul Revere reached Lexington.

There were no telegraph lines then; if was the beacon light and flint-lock gun that sent the signal of alarm throughout the commonwealth of Massachusetts, arousing the men of Old Middlesex county from their slumbers on that memorable morning, the 19th of April, 1775, and it was Dracut's 112 men that marched that morning to Lexington, and followed the British on their retreat to Boston, delivering a deadly fire at the retreating foe.

It was the spirit of these men that gave us our independence and afterwards their descendants, together with men from other countries, who adopted their views and this country as their own, risked their lives in the late Civil war for the continuance of that freedom our ancestors gave us.

Standing here, I see before me descendants of Dracut's patriots, who served, as I did, in the late Civil war, for the preservation of the Union, when the South was arrayed against the North, and brother fought brother; when soldiers fell by ten, twenty and even thirty thousand on a side, in the great battles of the Civil war.

There are men here who were in those battles and remember the scenes now more vividly than the scenes of their childhood, and we stand here today thanking our God that we are spared to see our great country again united and slavery no more.

In closing let me say, that we are proud of Dracut, our birth place, proud of her record, proud of our ancestors who fought at Lexington, Concord, Bunker Hill, Saratoga, White Plains, Rhode Island and New York state and proud of her 423 patriots from a population of only 1173.

It now becomes my pleasant duty in behalf of the old Middlesex Chapter, Sons of the American Revoluton, to present to the town of Dracut through its selectmen, this tablet imbedded in a bowlder provided by the town of Dracut, to forever commemorate the memory of its 423 patriots who served in the American Revolutionary War.

At the conclusion of Dr. Parker's speech Selectman Arthur W. Colburn, of the town of Dracut, in a few well spoken words, accepted the boulder and tablet in behalf of the citizens of Dracut. This was followed by a short speech by Mr. J. Joseph Hennessey, counsel for the town of Dracut. Mrs. Sarah Griffin then spoke of the life of Col. Ansard, a noted French military man.

Rev. Wilson Waters, chaplain of the organization, then made an address and Rev. J. M. Greene, pastor of the Eliot Congregational church of this city, followed with a neat speech.

Mr. Charles E. Adams, state president of the Sons of the American Revolution, also spoke and the meeting closed with the singing of "Old Hundred" by the congregation.

The officers of the Old Middlesex chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution are as follows:

President, Solon W. Stevens; vice-president, James F. Savage; secretary, A. W. Burnham; registrar, Fred A. Estes; chaplain, Rev. Wilson Waters; treasurer, Fred G. Tilton, and auditor, Artemas T. Woodward.

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MERRIMACK SQUARE

BANDITS BUSY

Chinese are Annoying the Guard

HARBIN, Nov. 16.—"Back and forth along the railway, now that there is not much in the way of active fighting," writes a staff correspondent of the Associated Press, "one meets many interesting acquaintances, nearly all of whom have something of interest to add to the general story of the war. Coming up the last time across the Itsun river, I was put up for the night by the bridge guard, clever, companionable fellows, with some very intelligent Chinese assistants. There is an iron bridge across the river with a cosy little house at the end and a boat patrolling the river beneath to guard against sudden descents of the Chinese bandits, who are always on the alert to annoy the lines of communication, even if they cannot cut them. But the railway guard is a mobile organization and can concentrate a strong force up or down the line at short notice, while the guard boat makes the river banks untenable for an enemy.

"One of the Chinamen on guard at the bridge is a very intelligent fellow from the southern provinces and he predicts sweeping changes in China when this war is over. He does not speak as though he regarded Manchuria as an integral part of China. He said:

"Whoever wins in this war, is going to take Manchuria whether it is Japan or Russia. China will not care much. But when the war is over you are going to see changes in China's international economy. There are a great many of us especially in the south, who have studied the question thoroughly. We know what we want in the way of Chinese reforms and we are going to get them after this war on the border is out of the way."

On a promotory high above the Itsum is perched a pretty little Chinese village and here is established one of the neat, clean and compact little zemstvo hospitals. One of the doctors had much to say of the wounded of whom he has handled hundreds and seen thousands.

"Curiously enough," said he, "the majority of our wounded are shot in the head. I attribute this to the shrapnel bursting in the air. The Japanese artillery has been responsible for the most of our casualties thus far. It is much the most effective arm of the Japanese service.

"We have many examples of the stoicism and devotion of the soldiers who come under our care. I was attending a dying Cossack recently. He was in terrible pain. I stopped him to ask if at the end what message he had to send to his parents or relatives. But instead he gave me the number of his rifle, told me where it was, and requested that it should be sent to his commander.

"In to field hospitals the men are put 25 in a tent. They preserve their discipline even in bed and elect one of their tent mates, usually one of the less severely wounded, as commander. In Harbin, the volunteer surgeons and nurses have been a blessing."

"One of the things that will need some explaining when the war is over, is how the Chinese bandits got their arms. The majority of them carry Winchesters but there are many Mausers and Japanese rifles among them and strangest of all, many Russian rifles from the government factory, evidently rifles that have been rejected by the inspectors but which could not have come into the hands of the bandits unless they had been stolen and illegally sold.

"There was an artillery officer in the station at Mukden when I last passed through. He had been through seven battles and had the St. George's cross. His views as an expert were interesting. He holds that the average Russian artillery is the equal of the Japanese while their latest quick firers are better. But in the earlier fighting he says the Japanese proved better gunners and more adaptable in placing and making their batteries. The Russian guns in the earlier fights always occupied the crests of hills and fired point blank. The result was that they were knocked out by the Japanese batteries every time. But no wthe Russians are using little except high angle fire. It is not unusual to have a battery 200 yards in the rear of a hill top and the firing is governed entirely by telephone and signals.

"The result is that now the Russian artillery more than holds its own with the Japanese."

GEN. STOESSEL AMONG WOUNDED

LONDON, Dec. 17.—General Stoessel, the Russian military commander at Port Arthur, according to a despatch from Chefoo to the Daily Telegraph, has again been wounded, this time by a rifle bullet. The correspondent adds that the wound is not serious.

JAPANESE BOATS WERE IN COLLISSION

MOJI, Japan, Dec. 17.—The Japanese transport Manshu and the hospital ship Rohilla were in collision today off Shimonoseki. Both were damaged. The Rohilla was reached and the sick and wounded soldiers were safely landed.

HOSPITALS BOMBARDED BY THE JAPANESE

TOKIO, Dec. 17.—The following despatch was received today from the Japanese army before Port Arthur:

"Two letters from General Stoessel (commanding the Russian military forces at Port Arthur) to General Nogi (in command of the besiegers at Port Arthur), reached headquarters at 8 in the evening of December 15. The first read as follows:

"I have the honor to inform you that your artillery has bombarded our hospitals which are plainly distinguished by Red Cross flags. These insignia are visible from your artillery positions. I request you to prohibit the bombardment. I make the request from high esteem for our brave heroes who after gloriously fighting with your force lie wounded in the hospitals under the Red Cross. Among these heroes are some Japanese wounded.

"I avail myself of the opportunity to convey to you assurances of my high respect."

General Nogi further reports that he sent Major Saito accompanied by Professor Ariga and an interpreter to Saichiao to deliver a reply which was accompanied by the following letter to General Stoessel:

"I have the honor to assure you that the Japanese army respecting humanity and treaties since the beginning of the war, has never purposely directed shells against buildings or vessels flying the Red Cross, but the greater part of the garrison is invisible from our gun positions and as you know, shells do not always reach the place to which they are directed, and especially owing to your long and brave resistance the deviation of our guns is becoming greater and greater. So with the greatest regret we are unable to guarantee to reach the places at which they are directed. I avail myself of the opportunity to convey to your excellency assurances of my highest respect."

The record of the interview between Barashoff Langa and Major Saito is as follows:

Barashoff—"The Japanese army directs its fire against buildings under the Red Cross."

Saito—"Never."

Barashoff—"We request you not to bombard the whole new town and the northeastern part of the old town."

Saito—"We cannot agree absolutely to limit our area."

Barashoff—"We will give you a map showing the positions of our hospitals and hope you will not bombard them."

Saito—"We will receive the map supporting your request."

"It was arranged that the map shall be delivered Dec. 17."

Accompanying this letter was another from General Stoessel to General Nogi saying:

"I hereby entrust the Barashoff Langa, hunt master to the emperor and superintendent of the Red Cross to negotiate with your excellency in order to remove the hospitals outside the dangerous zone during bombardment. It is needless to say that we have respect for your right to promote the success of your operations."

Penciled on the envelope was the following:

"Barashoff will come to the same place on the afternoon of Dec. 16, to receive your reply."

PROVIDE HOSPITALS FOR THE WOUNDED

TOKIO, Dec. 17—4 p. m.—General Stoessel has opened negotiations with the Japanese forces surrounding Port Arthur providing hospitals for the city. He has furnished General Nogi with a map showing the positions of the different hospitals.

DEATHS

CRANE—Catherine Crane, aged 60 years, died this morning at St. John's hospital. The body was removed to Molloy's warerooms in Market street. The deceased was an old resident of Lowell and formerly lived at 26 William street. The deceased died from blood poisoning after two days' illness.

KELLY—Thomas F. Kelly, a well-known young resident of Centralville, died last night at the Corporation hospital. He resided with his parents at 105 Fulton street. He was prominent in local amateur base ball circles, being a member of the Riverside nine. Besides a father and mother he is survived by six sisters, Mrs. Richard Burns, Mrs. William Higgins, Misses Delia E., Margaret, Sadie and Kate Kelly.

TERRIBLY BURNED

MAN FELL INTO VAT OF BOILING WATER.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17—Simon Hieron, aged about 40 years, was taken to the Rhode Island hospital terribly burned and scalded as the result of an accidental fall into a vat of boiling water and oil at the Victoria Worsted mills in the Thornton where he was employed, today. His condition is very critical.

He is married and has several children.

FOUND IN SNOW

DIAMOND RECOVERED AFTER A SEARCH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Two women and two men walked out of Sherry's about 2 o'clock yesterday morning and strolled north. Detective O'Connor, standing on the corner, noticed that after going two blocks they stopped suddenly and then rushed back toward the restaurant. One of the women, who said she was Mrs. Bernard M. Baker, living at the Women's club, 2 East Forty-Sixth street, told the detective that she had lost a diamond studded watch valued at $1000 and the brooch that held it, also diamond studded.

A search of the restaurant failed to disclose the missing jewelry. O'Connor borrowed a lantern and, assisted by a number of cabmen, began a search of the street along the route taken by the four after they left the restaurant.

At the corner of Forty-fifth street the brooch was found in the snow, but although the searchers worked hard for an hour longer no trace of the watch was found.

CONTRACT RE-LET

FOR WORK ON CHURCH IN NEW BEDFORD.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 17.—As a result of a collapse of one of the walls of the new St. Anthony's church which caused the loss of two lives and injuries to several workmen, the contract for building the church has been taken away from M. J. Houlihan of Providence and the work will be carried on by the pastor, Rev. H. Deslauriers, under the supervision of Louis Destremps, a Fall River architect and contractor, who will fill the plans made by Joseph Venne of Montreal, the architect of the church. It is probable that Mr. Houlihan will institute legal proceedings as a result of the action taken by Father Deslauriers.

CHEER UP THERE

PRICES OF GEESE AND TURKEY ON THE TOBOGGAN.

You will not have to pay any more for your Christmas goose or turkey this year than you did a year ago, other statements to the contrary notwithstanding.

Turkeys, chickens, fowl and geese are as low in price this year as for many seasons past. Fancy turkeys will sell from now until Christmas at from 18 to 23 cents a pound; fancy Northern geese, 16 to 18 cents per pound; ducks, 16 to 18 cents per pound; fancy fowl, 15 to 18 cents per pound.

No one need go without his customary Christmas turkey dinner at the low prices which will prevail this year.

Meats of all kinds are also low at this time of the year as the market is glutted and the demand is light. Fruit is also plentiful and cheap, fancy Florida oranges selling 20 for 25 cents. Nuts and candy are also at uniformly low prices and food supplies generally are easily within the reach of all.

RESULT OF GRUDGE

ONE ITALIAN SHOT AND KILLED ANOTHER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Michael Di Giovanni, a wholesaler of 226 Johnson avenue, Williamsburg, was shot and killed last night by Antonio Barbetta, against whom Di Giovanni had a nine-year-old grudge.

Barbetta was standing with another Italian at Brunswick and Johnson avenues about 9 o'clock last night, when Di Giovanni came along. The latter drew a revolver and fired wildly. Barbetta drew his pistol. His first bullet went into Di Giovanni's temple, killing him instantly. As the body lay in the street Barbetta fired two more shots into it.

Policeman Kinzler of Stagg street station, who heard the shots and the shouts of scared pedestrians, came up on the run. He made a grab for Barbetta, who still held his revolver. The man with Barbetta drew his revolver and fired twice at Kinzler, one of the bullets going through the policeman's helmet. Then he took to his heels, while Kinzler held on to Barbetta. The latter was locked up in the Stagg street station and a general alarm was sent out for the man who was with him.

Italians of the Williamsburg colony told the police that nine years ago Joseph Barbetta, brother of the slayer, led Di Giovanni's wife astray and then fled to America. Antonio took up the quarrel and there was much bad blood while the families remained in Italy. All of them came to America several years ago. Last June Joseph turned up in Williamsburg and Mrs. Di Giovanni tried to kill him. She shot him in the right shoulder and was arrested for it. Since that time there have been more rows between the families, Antonio taking his brother's part.

Williamsburg Italians were wildly excited by the shooting and came to the police station in droves. The reserves had to be ordered out to clear the street.

BRISTOL WEAVERS

EXPECT A CHANGE IN THE WORK IN THE MILL.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 17.—A mass meeting of the Bristol mill weavers was held this noon to talk over what is expected will be a change in some of the work in that mill. In consequence of reports that the weavers in that mill who are working on print looms are soon to be asked to operate twelve looms instead of eight as now, the weavers' union called the meeting. The subject was informally discussed and the meeting adjourned until next Wednesday evening when it is expected that the action will be taken. The Bristol mill weavers, knowing that the proposition to take extra looms in Fall River was one of the prime causes in the trouble there, mean to take the matter in hand before such a proposition gets too far along.

DROPPED DEAD.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Charles L. A. Dow, a well known inventor and manufacturer of agricultural implements, dropped dead on the street today. He was famous both for the large number of patents issued in his name by the United States patent office, being supposed to hold the record in that respect, and for the number of patent litigation, in which he was for many years involved. He was about 66 years old.

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WILL MAKE GOOD

Walter Bean's Father Went to His Rescue

Walter J. Bean, the young man who as porter at the Waverly hotel, touched the cash registers to the tune of about $35, was in police court today. His case came up on continuance and his father, whose home is in Putnam, Conn., agreed to pay back the money stolen by his son.

Judge Hadley exercises the same spirit of leniency toward young Bean as he did when the case was first brought to his attention and the boy was ordered in $300 until Thursday morning. Bean met with a painful accident during his stay at the jail. While scrubbing the floor a splinter entered his thumb near the nail and in extricating the splinter he pulled the nail away. Bean's father agreed to telegraph the amount taken by the boy, who was ungrateful enough to steal from the man who gave him work when he didn't really need his services.

PRETTY LIVELY TIME.

John Kelly, living on the Tremont corporation, was the complainant in an assault and battery case in police court today. The defendant was John Geffrey and the complainant alleged that the defendant swore at him, called him bad names and struck him over the head with a chair. The defendant, in turn told the court that the complainant attacked him with a club, knocked him down three times and pummelled him. Judge Hadley found the defendant not guilty and ordered his discharge.

All kinds of novelties, Oriental Bazaar.

CAPTAIN MARCH

SAYS THAT GENERAL KUROKI WAS NOT KILLED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Captain P. C. March, of the general staff of the United States army, one of the officers selected by the department to accompany the Japanese army in the field for the purpose of taking military observations, has returned on the liner Mongolia. Captain March brings absolute refutation of the report that General Kuroki was killed by a Russian shell.

"In several of the reports I have seen," said Captain March, "General Kuroki is said to have been killed on October 5. All the reports agree as to the date and, I am glad to say, are mistaken rumors. I was with General Kuroki on that day and every day until I left the front, Oct. 30, when I started for home. Although exposed on numerous occasions he sustained no hurt. General Kuroki is particularly keen and energetic. He inspires his officers and men with his own enthusiasm and his death would be a serious loss."

Captin March admires the Japanese infantry and has brought away with him a wholesome respect for them.

"Any nation on earth," he declares, "that undertakes to whip Japan, will have its hands full."

Among the other passengers on the Mongolia was H. B. Miller, United States consul general at New Chwang.

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Store and 3 rooms, Wamesit St	8.00
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CONFERENCE HELD

To Discuss the Fall River Strike

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 17.—The executive committee of the manufacturers association and representatives of the textile council and United Textile Workers went into conference at 10 o'clock. Neither side would intimate upon what special line the discussion of the textile strike was to be made, although it was intimated that some concessions looking to the removal of special grievances of the weavers were likely to be offered. The conference was arranged in New York, whither President Borden, Messrs. S. B. Chase, W. F. Shove and George Hillis of the manufacturers' association had gone, presumably to confer about the strike insurance system with officials present at the meeting of the civic federation.

President Golden and Secretary Hibbert of the United Textile Workers were invited to New York to confer with President Gompers about the A. F. of L. assessment. It was there, through the influence of President Gompers and John Mitchell that an informal conference was arranged and the suggestion made and accepted that the parties in the strike send representatives to a conference in this city today.

RULING MODIFIED

POSTAL AUTHORITIES AND C. I. HOOD'S WRAPPERS.

The postoffice department has modified a former ruling in relation to packages which is of considerable importance to the local medicinal firms, particularly C. I. Hood & Co., which concern first brought up the matter.

Nearly two years ago the Hood company had ready for posting a quantity of calendars that would have required about $1100 postage, and desired to mail them as third class matter; which would cost about half as much as fourth class.

Now the packages to be sent through the mails, marked to various addresses, contained two or more calendars also advertising matter in unaddressed covers. The covers were not intended as envelopes, but to safeguard the advertising matter, so that they would accompany the calendars into the home. There was a question involved, however, and the Lowell office promptly referred it to the department for a ruling.

The postoffice department gave an equally prompt ruling to the effect that several envelopes enclosed in a bulk package otherwise chargeable with postage at the third rate, subjected the package when sent in the mails unsealed, to the fourth class rate of postage, notwithstanding the fact that such envelopes contained printed matter.

Mr. Hood allowed the matter to rest for some time and then called the attention of Congressman Ames to it and the latter brought it before the postal authorities with the result that the C. I. Hood company has just received word from the postal department modifying the original ruling and allowing the Hood company the easier rate of postage.

RESIDENCE BURNED

CARETAKER AND HIS WIFE WERE PARTIALLY OVERCOME.

MEDWAY, Mass., Dec. 17.—The summer residence in this town of Edward B. Bowen of Newton Centre was destroyed by fire early today. The caretaker, Edward Murphy, and his wife, were partially overcome by smoke, but were awakened in time to escape without injury. The loss is $12,000 with partial insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown.

HE BIT JENKINS

BUZAYELL LOST WRESTLING BOUT ON A FOUL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17. Tom Jenkins was given the decision on a foul in a wrestling match with Buzayell, the Algerian. The men wrestled for over two hours without a fall. Then Jenkins got a hammer hold and while the men were on the carpet, Buzayell bit Jenkins in the abdomen, making a wound the size of a half dollar. There were also teeth prints in Jenkins' arms, where he had been bitten. Referee Roche awarded the match to Jenkins and the police arrested Buzayell under a charge of mayhem. Jenkins is not seriously injured.

WORK OF AMATEURS

POSTOFFICE IN PAWTUCKET WAS ENTERED.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 17—At some time between 1.30 and six o'clock today, robbers entered the local postoffice and after futile attempts to open the doors of two safes in which there was a considerable amount of money, finally gave up the search, contenting themselves with taking over $100 worth of stamp. The attempts to open the safe were made in a very bungling manner, denoting that the robbers were amateurs in their calling.

The men made six borings in the largest safe in the office and succeeded in doing nothing more than preventing the opening of the safe by the postmaster this morning. One boring was made in another safe, but with no result.

The break was discovered by the janitor when he began his duties today.

The robbers were not seen at any time in the postoffice, nor was any noise heard.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The third annual meeting of the religious education association which will be held in this city February 12 to 15, will be the occasion of many notable addresses. The sessions will open Sunday evening with a service of worship led by Prof. Francis G. Peabody of Harvard.

Among the speakers will be a number of college presidents, including President Harper of Chicago university, President King of Oberlin college, President Gunsaulus of Armour institute, President Tucker of Dartmouth, President Hall of Clark university, President Hyde of Bowdoin college, President Harris of Amherst college, and President Faunce of Brown university.

VICTIM OF FEUD

Owen Kelley is Missing Since Oct. 25

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Owen Kelly, one of the foremost supporters of the Irish National league in this country, disappeared Oct. 25 in Philadelphia. Mr. Kelly is a wealthy grocer and woolen manufacturer, and was last seen at a meeting of the Continental Trust company, of which he is a director.

There were many hints last night from New York Irishmen of organization feuds as a possible explanation of Mr. Kelly's disappearance. Once foremost in the councils of the Clan-na-Gael in Philadelphia, he led the element of that society which went two years ago over to John Redmond and his land projects after bitterly opposing them.

Cool and shrewd, temperate in all ways, Mr. Kelly being a former president of the Catholic Total Abstinence league, his disappearance is inexplicable to his associates here, except upon the supposition of accident or violence.

When he led a great band of Clan-na-Gael members away from the Fenian element of that organization in Philadelphia he fought those he left as bitterly as he had fought for them. The feud was carried into the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and at the last convention of that organization Mr. Kelly succeeded in electing officers antagonistic to the Clan-na-Gael.

Police and other means have failed to find trace of him, and, for some reason which none will disclose, there seems to be grounds to believe that knowledge of his fate is to be found in this city. Some hint that another tragedy of the Dr. Crosin stamp may be unearthed.

STORM WARNING.

BOSTON, Dec. 17—The weather bureau issued the following northeast storm warning at 10 a.m. today:

Cape Cod to New Haven: Storm of moderate intensity but increasing central in Kentucky, moving east northeast, will cause increasing easterly winds with snow tonight and Sunday.

Cynthia at Husking Bee tonight.

Our Grand Kid Glove Offer Closes Today

All of Our $1.25 Ladies' Cloves Are Offered at Only 98c a Pair

We've had a most phenomenal selling at one price of these gloves, the past two days. It's the best glove value ever offered in Lowell at the Christmas time. Come today for $1.25 gloves at only..98c a PAIR

Ask for a glove box.

West Section—North Aisle.

The Most Popular Shopping Places

TODAY, SHOULD BE

OUR HANDKERCHIEF SECTIONS—We've nearly 500,000 Handkerchiefs in both departments, from .....5c EACH TO $10

East Section and Basement.

THE UMBRELLA COUNTER—Nearly 3000 Umbrellas to choose from, from .....98c TO $15

West Section—Centre Aisle.

THE TOY SHOP—Here we are showing more extensively than ever before, Toys of every variety to please the youngsters, and games for young and old.

Merrimack Street—Basement.

THE DOLL SHOW—More Dollies than usual, of every sort, and any place between .....25c AND $10

Palmer Street—Centre Aisle.

THE JEWELRY COUNTERS—Where there are thousands of pretty gifts for everybody, including Gold and Silver articles, Mirrors, Fans, Hair Ornaments, etc.

East Section—Right Aisle.

THE GARMENT ROOM—Cloaks, Suits and Furs to keep away the wintry winds are offered today at about

1-3 LESS THAN USUAL PRICES

THE CHINA AND GLASS BASEMENT—Gifts of Fancy China Pieces hereabout. Articles in Glassware in an endless variety. Our new Cut Glass Case and Counter is a most attractive one.

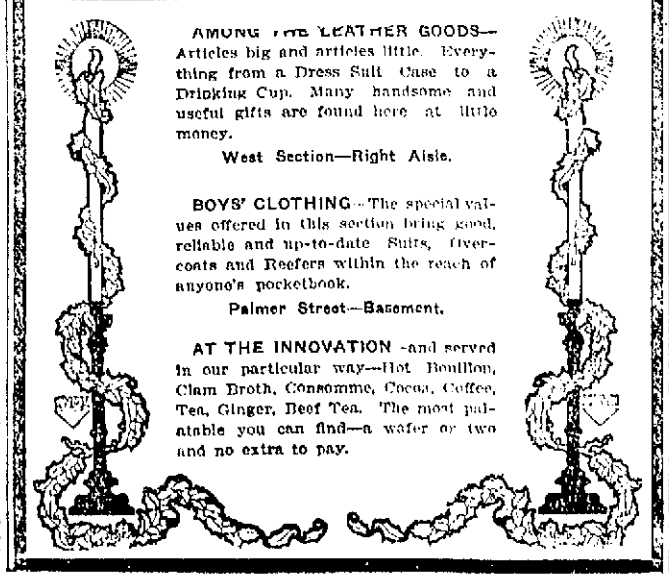
Merrimack Street—West Basement.

THE LINEN DEPARTMENT—Come here for Towels, Tray Cloths, Scarfs, Napkins, Damasks, Table Covers, Table Sets, Fancy Sheets and Pillow Cases. Gifts for the household never go amiss.

Palmer Street—Left Aisle.

THE MEN'S WEAR SECTION—More articles of wear that the men folks appreciate in this store than in any other in Lowell. Exclusive styles and lowest prices. House Coats, Bath Robes, Neckties, Hosiery, Gloves, Suspenders, Underwear, Pajamas, Shirts, Mufflers, Sweaters, etc., etc.

East Section—Left Aisle.



HELP WANTED

WANTED—Responsible man to manage an office and distributing depot for large manufacturing concern. Salary $1,500 per annum and commissions. Applicant must have good references and $1,000. Capital secure. Address Supt. 323, West 12th street, Chicago.

WANTED—Everywhere, people to copy letters at home, spare time, and return to us. Good pay, materials sent free. No mailing or canvassing. Enclose addressed envelope for particulars, and wages we pay. Guarantee Co., Dept. 41, Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—Men everywhere—good pay; to distribute circulars, adv. matter, tack signs, etc. No canvassing. National Adv. Bureau, Chicago.

AGENTS—$50 a week guaranteed. Automatic washers sell themselves. Agent writes: "Exhibited sample to ten women; took ten orders." Time 45 minutes. Profit over $50. Guaranteed to do a washing in 30 minutes; furnishes its own power; requires no labor; costs less than any other machine; free samples and exclusive territory furnished. Automatic Washer Co., Station U., Chicago.

WANTED—Watchman for small manufactory; 35 horse power boiler. Man licensed to run small engine preferred. State experience and give references. Address P. O. Box 1066, Lowell, Mass.

LADIES, $25 thousand copying short letters at home. Material sent Free everywhere. Send stamped, addressed envelope for copy of letter and full particulars. Eastern Co., 317 Heed Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—A first class hosiery man, one thoroughly familiar with full automatic machinery, and conversant with the details of the business. State age, if married, and salary expected. First class position to the right man. Position out of town. Address Oneida, this office.

WANTED—A house girl at 147 Crosby st.

WANTED—A young man who can sell and deliver kindling wood, no other need apply, good pay, steady work. Inquire at Sun Office.

WANTED—An experienced kitchen girl. 20-21 Boott Corp. Mrs. Osgood.

ANY intelligent person may earn $10 to $15 weekly in spare time corresponding for newspapers. No canvassing. Send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

WANTED—An all around girl in boarding house, 726 Suffolk st.

FREE—One-half doz. china teacups and saucers. Sell 15, 10c pkgs. Sachet. Lowell Perfume Co., Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—Men everywhere, good pay; to distribute circulars, adv. matter, tack signs, etc. No canvassing. National Adv. Bureau, Chicago.

WANTED—At once a good table girl at 212 Market st.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

Corrected to October 10, 1904. Trains leave Merrimack Street Depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.45, 7.40, *8.50, *9.22, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.44 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex Street Station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.28, *6.39, x6.49, w6.56, 7.01, 7.24, 7.31, *7.48, 7.52, w*8.00, *8.57, w9.26, *9.33, w10.50, 11.05, *11.43 a. m.; w12.05, 12.14, w12.50, 1.14, *1.56, w2.30, w*3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.28, w5.06, 5.22, x6.49, w*6.15, *6.12, w7.00, 7.29, 9.20 p. m. SUNDAYS 6.39, 7.24, w8.15, 8.48, 9.20 a. m.; w12.10, 2.26, w3.55, w5.32, 5.29, w8.03 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.50, x7.31, w8.30, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.23, w2.30, w3.55, w5.06, w6.15, w7.00, w9.00, w11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, w8.15 a. m.; w12.10, w5.32 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.23, w2.30, w3.55, w5.06, 5.28 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, x7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.06, 6.15, 7.09, 9.30, 11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15, a. m.; 12.10, 5.32 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, x7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, x7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.; SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06, p. m.

For Rockland, 8.30 a. m., 12.05 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor and Belfast, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS 5.32 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 6.28 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland) on Monday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgewick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland), Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m.

Last trip of season, October 28, 1904.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.48, 11.03 a. m.; 1.44, 4.28 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 2.25, 5.29 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg Divisions, 7.07, 11.35 a. m.; 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. Division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m. (3.40 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.09, 3.40, 5.39 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS to Hillsboro 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.39, *10.39 a. m.; *12.09, 1.00, *1.39, 3.40, *5.39, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02, 10.39 a. m.; 12.09, 2.03, 5.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *1.39, (to Franklin only), 5.39, *b8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.), Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.39 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.39, *10.39 a. m; 1.39 p. m. (5.39 p. m. to Plymouth); *b9.10 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.39, *q9.10 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont Line, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *b9.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p. m. (daily except Saturdays.)

References:
a Via Wakefield Junction.
* Express. b Daily.
q Wednesdays and Saturdays only.
w Via Western Division.
x Via Bedford. z Via Wilmington Junc.

D. J. FLANDERS, Gen. Pass. and Ticket Agent.
H. C. TAFT, General Agent, Lowell.

SPECIAL NOTICES

REMOVES moles, wrinkles, freckles and black heads without steam or harming the complexion at the New York Hair Dressing Parlors. 97 Central st., Room 5.

WALL PAPER of good quality and a practical man to hang it; $2 per room, discount for quantities. T. H. Siddeley, 750 Gorham st.

PARK VIEW RESTAURANT, 183 East Merrimack st., just opened. Rooms if required. J. Darch, Prop.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL PRESENTS—A good doll carriage or a handsome doll given away with a pound of Tea or two pounds of Coffee. Calendars given to customers. Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack st.

WILL THE PERSON who made a mistake in money call at 25 Cross st., Mrs. D. Lyons, and identify it. Can have same by paying for this adv.

GENTLEMEN'S CLOTHES cleaned and pressed, rates reasonable, special prices to weekly customers. Stanislus Blondin, 225 Cumberland Road.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The Sun is on sale every day at both news-stands of the Union Station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

MONEY TO LOAN

MONEY LOANED salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters and others, without security, easy payments, offices in 60 leading cities. Tolman, room 48, Hildreth Building, 45 Merrimack st.

MONEY LOANED—Our plan of loaning money on salaries is the most liberal to be found anywhere, and is especially appreciated by Teachers, Clerks, Salesmen and Business workers. Easy weekly payments. All transactions confidential. Massachusetts Loan Company, 13 Merrimack Sq., 16 Prescott street, Room 2.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security, boarding houses, teamsters, salaried loans a specialty. Best terms obtainable, liberal discount for prompt payments, commission paid. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate Building.

DON'T BE SHORT—Plenty of money to loan to salaried people, merchants, boarding house keepers, teamsters, etc. Easy weekly payments, lowest rates in the city. Confidential; no publicity; no delay. Special inducements for quick payments. Private office. U. S. Loan Co., 90 Prescott st., room 5, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, diamonds, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Lenihan, room 9, Barristers' Hall.

TO LET

TO LET—One large front room with heat, light and bath, hot and cold water, furnished, on sunny side of street; young couple preferred, at 196 Mt. Vernon st.

TO LET—Furnished room at cor. Bridge and Third sts.

TO LET—1 3-room tenement. Inquire at 81 Chestnut st.

TO LET—A good tenement at a low rent at 441 Moody street, handy to mills and business, everything separate.

TO LET—Tenement of six rooms, newly built with bath and pantry, 36 Crosby st.

TO LET—Pleasant tenements in Centralville $4.50 per month and upward. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central st.

TO LET—Boarding house of 16 rooms Inquire of John Whitty, 152 Market st.

TO LET—Cottage of seven rooms, bath, hot and cold water. Keys at 20 B st.

TO LET—Convenient locality 10-room house, furnace heat, all improvements, a pleasant street, could let rooms. Apply Charles M. Erskine, room 32, Hildreth Building.

TO LET—Nice tenement 7 rooms, bath, hot and cold water, thorough order in good locality. Apply to Chas. M. Erskine, room 32, Hildreth building.

TO LET—A cottage house of 7 rooms, hot and cold water and bath, furnace, 102 Bowers st., also tenement of six rooms 78 Mt. Vernon st., equipped same as cottage. Inquire at 96 Bowers st.

TO LET—Nice tenement of five rooms with toilet. Newly painted and papered. 326 Fletcher st.

TO LET—12 room house near Shaw Stocking Co., fine location for boarders, rent reasonable. Apply to H. A. Wright, 10 Barristers' Hall.

TO LET—Several 5-room flats near the mills, everything new, rent reasonable. Apply to H. A. Wright, 10 Barristers Hall.

TO LET—Fine modern residence, 60 Sheldon street. Eight rooms, hot and cold water, cemented cellar floor and all latest improvements. Apply M. O'Donnell, St. James Hotel.

TO LET—Very convenient front and side room, single or otherwise, modern conveniences, reasonable to respectable parties 271 Gorham st. opp. Court House.

TO LET—A finely appointed flat, 239 Liberty st. Everything new, large rooms, open plumbing, steam heat. On line of street cars. Inquire at 241 Liberty st.

TO LET—6 beautiful flats, with bath room and hot and cold water in the New Nolan Block at the junction of Central and Chapel sts. Everything in first class order, for further particulars inquire of John Nolan, 814 Central st.

WANTED

CASH PAID for apples at car, Thorndike st. track. Bring along your apples, take back your money and barrels. Harrison & Co., 39 Chelmsford st.

WANTED—Baby to board in a desirable home. Inquire 653 Pleasant st., Dracut Centre.

WANTED—Children to board in country, desirable home; terms reasonable. Address Nelson, R. F. D., Billerica Centre.

WANTED—For cash 25 or 30 early pullets any breed. Inquire at Sun Office.

WANTED—Stable manure in large or small lots. Telephone or drop postal to H. W. Foster, R. D., No. 1.

A Bargain

An 8-room, 2-story house and barn, furnace heat, good condition, on one of the best streets in the Highlands. Must be sold.

$3300

Frank B. Murphy

52 CENTRAL STREET.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Safe and cash register. Call or address Green, 35 East Merrimack st.

FOR SALE—First class variety store, illness the cause. Apply Gordon's, 219 Central st.

FOR SALE—8-room house, good condition, first-class neighborhood, modern improvements, price low. Apply Gordon's, 219 Central st.

FOR SALE—Collie puppies, sable and white, all ages. Drop a postal for what you want. Thistle Kennels, Box 466, City.

FOR SALE—Handsome young canaries, warranted good singers, price $2 each at 57 Tyler st.

FOR SALE—Here is a chance. 22 room lodging house, only $200. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Tobacco store, A1 location. If taken this week, only $125. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—A good paying corporation boarding house, forty good steady boarders, will be sold cheap. Address J., this office.

FOR SALE—Fine singing canaries for sale at 155 West Sixth st.

FOR SALE AT A GREAT BARGAIN—Owing to a change in plan, a physician desires to sell a Waverly electric stanhope. Tires, running gear and body in first class condition; batteries require cleaning. Address Electro, this office.

FOR SALE—Nice square piano for sale cheap. 276 Westford st.

FOR SALE—A good black horse, cheap. 90 Third st.

UPRIGHT PIANO FOR SALE—Leaving city, must sell at once, elegant upright cabinet grand piano, beautiful mahogany case, without mar or blemish, practically new, has been used for a few months only, very sweet tone, light action, fully warranted by prominent maker, and must be seen to be appreciated; cost $400. Will sell for $175 to quick cash buyer as must be sold at once. Address Beckwith, care Lowell Sun.

FOR SALE—A covered pung, side doors, glass front, in first class condition, suitable for baker or milkman. Call at Roscoe's paint shop, Willie st.

LEGAL TRADING STAMPS—Special. We give 150 with one pound of our 70c tea; 100 with our 60c tea; 80 with our 50c tea; 50 with our 35c coffee; 120 with one pound Baking Powder at 50c; 30 with vanilla extracts, etc., 25c. The Elwood Tea Co., Junction of Gorham and Thorndike sts.

P. COGGER, the truckman sells all kinds of wood at a low price. $1 extra for sawing. 438 Riverside st. Tel. Con.

MISCELLANEOUS

WHITE SEWING MACHINE CO.—Before buying an Xmas present call and see our special rotary machine, it is the lightest and fastest running machine in the market, second hand machines for sale, lock and chain stitch. 376 Bridge st.

WANTED—"Science and Health" by Mrs. Eddy. Editions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Address X Q Z 5, Sun office.

MRS. CLARA ADAMS, clairvoyant and card reader and ladies' employment office, 355 Gorham street, opposite Court house.

THE WONDERFUL new drink Gloria gives health and youthful vigor. Boyle Bros. Agents. Telephone.

REAL ESTATE MEN, property owners, etc. Will paper your room, furnishing gold paper and border to match, and hanging same in a first class manner for $2 per room. Special prices quoted on more than one room. Painting, whitewashing, etc., at correspondingly low prices. D. Baker & Co., 303 Middlesex st.

WE HAVE ALL the Fall Blocks of Hats and are prepared to supply the gentlemen of this city. Stiff hats cleaned free at Delorme's, 261 Middlesex st. The practical hatter.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination used by 200,000 women. Price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1128 Bridge street. Telephone.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Envelope containing sum of money between Lane st. and Appleton Co. office, Jackson st. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to 37 Lane st.

FOUND—A sum of money. Call on Letter Carrier 33 at Post Office.

FOUND—Wrist bag containing money. Inquire evenings at 17 Andover st.

LOST—Wrist bag on Haverhill car for Lawrence, Monday; left Haverhill at 2.30. Finder will receive liberal reward by leaving same at Telegram Office, Lawrence, Mass.

LOST—A gent's seal skin glove between Branch st. Engine House and voting Booth in Branch st. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Highland Laundry.

LOST—A pocketbook yesterday somewhere between Mercier Hotel Lakeview or at Willow Dale entrance. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Sun Office.

LOST—Nov. 26, a pair of brown rosary beads with large medal attached. Return to 49 Bartlett st.

SITUATIONS WANTED

SITUATION WANTED—By a Swede girl to do general housework. Call at 18 Manchester st.

WANTED—A situation by a thoroughly experienced stenographer and bookkeeper. Would make herself generally useful in an office. Good references. Address C. J., Sun Office.

MIDDLE AGED LADY would like to take care of two children. Address L., Sun Office.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Hotel for sale, Bridgeport, Conn.; city eighty thousand; lease three years; thirty rooms, parlor and bar-room; steam heat, electric light and gas. Rent one hundred and thirty. New license price four thousand dollars. Address Hugh Mackinnon, Hotel Emerson, Bridgeport, Conn.

FOR SALE—On Rogers street, Belvidere, two story, ten room house with bath and pantry and seven thousand feet of land all fenced in. Smith & Cavanaugh, Donovan building, Central st.

BUSINESS CHANCES

I HAVE A FEW hundred dollars to invest in a paying business where services are required for a fair salary. State nature of business. Address R., Sun Office.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

24 WERE KILLED

Fight Between Bulgarians and Greeks

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 17.—The massacre by Greeks of the wedding party near Monastir, November 29, 13 persons being killed and five wounded, has led to a number of sanguinary conflicts between Bulgarian and Greek bands, which culminated Thursday last in a stubborn battle lasting five hours. A Greek band of 28 men and a body of Bulgarians met near the village of Sarakinevo and the Greeks lost 24 men killed. Many assassinations of Bulgarians by Albanians have been reported in the sub-district. The local authorities as usual have taken no action in the matter.

HE SHOT TO KILL

Italian Attempted Murder at Charlestown

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—With a 38-calibre revolver, Francesco Epifanio, 33 years old, shot Umberto Consolo, 27 years old, in the neck, while the later stood on the steps of the barber shop at 551 Main street, Charlestown, about 7.15 o'clock last evening.

At the Relief hospital, whither the ambulance of police division 15 hurried Consolo, it was said that the wound was slight and that the patient would recover unless blood poisoning developed. The bullet was extracted this morning.

Fifteen minutes after the shooting Epifanio was locked up at police station 15, booked on a charge of assault and battery with a loaded revolver with intent to kill. He was arraigned in the district municipal court this morning, but the hearing will probably be continued until Consolo is able to appear against him.

Epifanio and Consolo are Italian barbers. Epifanio for two years has been proprietor of the barber shop located at 551 Main street. With his wife and three young children he lives in the tenement in the rear of the shop. For the past six weeks Consolo had been in his employ, and had boarded at his home.

In explanation of the shooting, Epifanio told the police that about 7 o'clock Consolo reported for duty intoxicated and had threatened his life with a razor. Epifanio said he had fired the revolver through the window from inside merely to frighten Consolo.

FORGOT LICENSE

WEDDING WAS DELAYED UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

GARDINER, Me., Dec. 17—Just before midnight last night Ethelyn Frances Horne of this city was married to Mort Eugene Cuskley of Portland in the presence of 400 guests. The wedding was set for 8 o'clock, but the bridal party did not arrive. After much speculation it was learned that the groom had secured a Gardiner marriage license, but none from Portland. Then there was hot haste to get into communication with the city clerk of Portland. Finally that important official was found, and the necessary authority given by a sworn deputy. The satin beribboned carriages were put into commission again, and the wedding party arrived at the church at 11.30, to find it full of still waiting loyal friends. At 11.70 the knot was tied by the Rev. J. Quimby.

The bride and groom left on the morning Pullman. Mr. and Mrs. Cuskley will live at 406 Congress square, Portland.

CUSICK WEDS

POLO PLAYER'S BRIDE IS A WEALTHY GIRL.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 17—A mother's tears, the refusal of a county clerk to issue a marriage license and the intimidations of a squad of policemen were not sufficient weight to prevent a romantic wedding in the parlors of the Imperial Hotel last night.

Miss Sue Hemingway of Muncie, pretty and immensely wealthy, became the bride of David Cusick, the big goal tender of the Kokomo polo team. The simple, quiet ceremony came only as a calm after an entire day of stormy, dramatic incidents.

Two years ago "Dave" Cusick arrived at Muncie from Fall River, Mass., to guard the cage of the Muncie polo team. He was aged 26, a giant in stature, golden-haired and always smiling, whether in defeat or victory. Muncie was polo mad, and Cusick, the best goal tender that the city had ever seen, became the idol of thousands of fans.

CHELMSFORD

The Golden Cove school closed for the Christmas holidays yesterday and delightful closing exercises were held, followed by a distribution of gifts. Miss Harriet M. Hall, the teacher, decorated the school room with black alder and hemlock. In a corner of the room stood a gaily bedecked and heavily laden Christmas tree. Songs were sung by Blanche Leighton, Lottie Cheney and Marietta Gale and there were recitations by the following: Marietta Gale, Blanche Leighton, Lottie Cheney, Leora Chandler, Leonard Perry, Chester Eastman, Eddie Fox, James Fox, Ella Trombley, Alice Trombley, Thomas Cleghorn, Joseph Robarge, Alice Burns, Leo Trombley, Ralph Crandall, Fred McKinley, John Connerton, Raymond Chandler, Esther Fox, Percie Chandler.

At the close of the exercises gifts were distributed from the Christmas tree. Similar exercises were held at the East Chelmsford and Center schools.

The selectmen have made an appropriation of $50 to fight the brown tail moth.

Miss Ockington's pupils in the town will hold a reunion on Dec. 29.

The Literary Union will meet next Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. H. S. Perham in Westford street.

EAGLES MET.

Lowell Aerie 223 of Eagles met Thursday evening, W. V. President Barry in the chair.

Three propositions were received and two new members were admitted. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted and showed that the aerie was in good financial condition, having $3500 in the treasury and a membership of four hundred.

The installation of officers will take place at the next meeting, which will be held Jan. 5, 1905.

A committee of ten was appointed to make arrangements for an entertainment to be held after the meeting. The committee is as follows: Geo. H. Tempkins, John J. Ivers, William Lane, John J. Hayes, Thos. A. Corcoran, James Sheehan, James Bowen, Joseph Dawson, Thos. H. Boyle, Geo. H. McCabe.

The aerie voted to have a class initiation Thursday evening, Jan. 17, 1905. The chairman of the ball committee made a report and showed that the arrangements for the same were very near complete.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Rourke, 934 Gorham street.

WRESTLING NOTES

Billy Ladue arrived from Worcester yesterday and announced himself ready for Jackson. He claims that he has picked up a number of fine points during his training with Harvey Parker, and will show his friends that he is a top notcher in the wrestling line after all.

Jackson is expected here today, for he leaves here tomorrow evening for Montreal, accompanied by several local sports and newspapermen. The party will return on Tuesday in order to be here on Wednesday evening when Jackson and Ladue wrestle in Associate hall. Jackson expects to win from Tremblay Monday evening, and goes to Canada quite confident.

Harvey Parker believes that Tremblay is a better man than Jackson, and that Jackson will not be able to throw him on Monday night. Jackson on the other hand wants a go with Parker and a match will probably be held after New Year.

The sporting public has been looking forward to a match between Austin Callery and some lightweight, but as yet Callery has nothing on. There was talk of a match between him and Gibbons of Lawrence but it did not go through.

FORMED A TRUST

Packing Houses Summoned to Court

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 17—Five of the largest packing houses in the country must appear in the supreme court next week in answer to an order made at the instance of Attorney General Donovan, who alleges that the companies have formed a trust, and having thus violated the laws of the state of Montana, they should be enjoined from doing business in the state. The defendants in the suits are Swift & Co., Armour & Co., Cudahy & Co. and the Hammond Packing company of Chicago and the Hammond Packing company of Pueblo.

$100,000 LOSS

Four Alarms For Fire in Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—A loss estimated at $100,000 was caused by fire early today in the Hecht building, 641 and 643 Atlantic avenue, and the flames became so threatening that four alarms were sounded. The fire started from some unknown cause on the top floor of the five-story brick building occupied by the Reliance Mfg. company, picture frame makers, and the flames soon burst through the roof. They also spread downward to the fourth floor, occupied by Edgelow and Jordan, picture frame and photographs, and to the third, occupied by E. A. Auerbach and company, wholesale tailors. The flames were confined to these three floors. The second floor is unoccupied and on the ground floor is situated Wyman's restaurant.

Considerable damage was done by water on the lower floors and in adjoining buildings. The loss on the Hecht building is placed at $65,000 with $25,000 on the contents. No one was hurt. This building was the scene of a disastrous fire in 1893 and about a year ago was badly damaged by another fire.

CYCLE NEWS

It looks as if the six day race had become an uncommonly deep-rooted institution. Each succeeding year adds to the general wonder at its marvellous drawing powers. To attempt a definition of the cause is unsatisfactory, if not impossible.

It is more or less solemnly avowed that the chief cause of the packed houses is the "hunger" of the New York public for "action"; but, even if this be the case, it is to be said that the public must have such food placed well within its grasp, as in the instance of the six day race. Every effort to attract crowds to the outlying tracks has met with discouraging defeat. The people simply will not travel far to see even more action and snappier, such as is offered by the sprint races. Indeed, men who would scarcely cross the street to see contests of this sort and whose interest in cycling is at the lowest possible ebb, each year make a pilgrimage to the long grind at Madison Square Garden, and there remain rooted, despite a Babel of noise and an atmosphere which literally reeks with aged tobacco smoke and other not agreeable odors.

Night after night finds men in their old places, hanging over the rails with their eyes glued on the spectacle of a handful of men plodding wearily around the small track.

They remain riveted to their seats for hours, many of them, in fact, make a night of it. They scarcely know why. It may be that they hope against hope that the mighty effort to "steal a lap" which invariably throws the crowd into a frenzy, will be made each succeeding moment. It presents a curious side of human nature—one that is hard to explain and equally hard to understand.

The simple fact remains, however, that the six day race is a magnet that attracts, as no other athletic event attracts. In previous years, when the "yellow" press dreamed opium "dreams" and ran to gross exaggeration in red headlines, and when the playful prank of a rider was contorted into evidence of insanity or brutality, it was held that the crowds came in order that they might witness these pranks of crazy men, or to see them drop writhing and unconscious from their wheels. This year the saffron journals have been strangely lacking in this regard. The old stories of brutality and insanity have been conspicuous by their absence, and yet the crowds has flocked to Madison Square Garden in ever increasing numbers. Not even when Walthour, the public idol, and reckoned a magnet of unusual power, quit the race in a temper, was the attendance affected. The crowds still came.

Such evidence compels that the attractiveness of the six day race be set down to "fascination"—to that indefinable desire which led the prattling child to insistently demand to see "the wheels go round;" but whatever the cause, the fact remains that the six day race has become an institution in which not only New York but the whole country, and in lesses degree, a large part of the world takes an absorbing interest. It is the one cycling affair that has withstood the ravages of time, and booms and slumps, fancies and fads and the general fickleness of mankind that has dealt so unreasonably and so unkindly with the bicycle. It is the one event that now fills the public prints with pictures of cyclists and columns of description.

BOWLING NEWS

The United States Bunting bowling team defeated the Brownies on the alleys last night by 11 pins. Hamel was high man with a three string total of 301, but the best single string made during the evening was one of 119 made by Moran of the Brownies. The score:

U. S. BUNTINGS.

	1	2	3	T'tl
Simpson	101	75	94	270
Rigby	65	82	82	229
Marsden	91	78	104	273
Hamel	106	91	104	301
McAdam	88	92	81	261
Total's	451	418	468	1337

BROWNIES.

Kelley	93	76	86	255
Dwyer	78	91	73	242
King	86	76	89	251
Moran	91	84	119	294
King	94	99	88	281
Totals	442	426	459	1327

ROUGH PLAYING

Newburyport Downed Lowell Last Night

NEWBURYPORT, Dec. 17.—Newburyport defeated Lowell at basketball here last night, 23 to 15, in a game marked by excessive rough playing, which at times escaped the sight of the referee and caused the spectators to express their feelings in no uncertain manner. Outside the roughness the game was played on its merits, the teams being evenly matched. The summary:

NEWBURYPORT		LOWELL
Punch	rf	lb Enos
Healey	rf	lb Davis
Martens	lf	rb W. Loos
W. Sheridan	c	c L. Loos
H. Sheridan	rb	lf Mathews
Hayes	lb	rf Leighton

Score, Newburyport 23, Lowell 15. Goals from floor, Hayes 2, Punch 2, Martens 4, H. Sheridan 3, Enos, W. Loos, Davis 3, Leighton 2. Points from fouls, Newburyport, Lowell. Referee, Picard. Timer, Healey. Time, three 15m periods. Attendance 700.

AT AMESBURY

NEW ENGLAND LEAGUE BEGINS A SERIES.

AMESBURY, Dec. 17.—The Amesbury New England league basketball team opened the season here last evening with the Haverhill as opponents. The home team was defeated in a fast and interesting game by a score of 30 to 24. The Amesburys outplayed the league leaders in the first period, but failed to hold the lead in the second. The summary:

HAVERHILL		AMESBURY
Doyle	rf	lb Henschel
Williamson	lf	rb Donnelly
Wachter	c	c Penino
Haggerty	rb	lf Marshall
		lf Zanger
Lew	lb	rf Healey

Score, Haverhill 30, Amesbury 24. Goals from floor, Williamson 2, Doyle 2, Wachter 7, Haggerty, Healey 3, Penino 2, Henschel 3, Zanger. Points from fouls, Haverhill 6, Amesbury 6. Referee, Connor. Scorer, Breed. Timer, Driscoll. Time, three 15m periods. Attendance, 400.

Genuine Chinaware, Oriental Bazaar.

MOTORMAN HURT

REAR END COLLISION ON B. & M. ROAD.

LYNN, Dec. 17.—A rear end collision between two electric cars on the Boston & Northern railroad on Summer street last night resulted in serious injuries to Motorman Patrick McNamara of 39 Linden street, the shaking up of passengers and the breaking of two vestibules and glass windows.

The extra car used to convey persons from the river works of the General Electric company to Saugus collided with a regular car, the cause being slippery rails, at the Summer street crossing of the Boston & Maine railroad at Raddins station about 7 o'clock. Motorman Melsane and Conductor Harris were in charge of the regular car, which had been brought to a stop at the crossing while the conductor went ahead to see if the track was clear.

The extra was coming along behind the regular car. Beyond Raddins station there is a considerable grade and when the extra struck this Motorman McNamara lost control of his car and it crashed into the standing regular. The three passengers in the latter car were considerably shaken up, but not seriously injured. There were no passengers in the extra.

McNamara was taken to the hospital, where it was found his face was badly cut and he was hurt about the arms and legs and probably internally injured. The front vestibule of the extra and rear of the regular car were broken and twisted and the windows smashed.

AT CASTO TOMORROW

ALABAMA ORPHANS AND OLD FOLKS' HOME JUBILEE SINGERS TOMORROW.

The Alabama Orphans and Old Folks' Home Jubilee Singers appear in southern melodies at Casto theatre tomorrow afternoon. Rev. Arthur P. Wedge will give the address, the subject being "A Gilt Edged Investment." Come and hear Mr. Wedge and possibly you may find it in your power to make a profitable investment. The admission is free and the Young Men's Christian association invites all men to attend and hear the songs of the south sung as only the colored people can sing them. Doors open at 3; program at 3.30.

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HOSFORD RUBES

Honor Sal Green and Hiram Perkins

IN STREET PARADE AND HUSKING BEE

Dance Till Daylight Dawned in Associate Hall

The Hosfords held a huskin' bee at Associate hall last evening and previous to the opening of the festivities at the hall the Hosfords paraded the streets headed by Farmer Corntosser's $10,000 prize band and besides cutting up several capers they exhibited a number of curiosities, including Johnnie Corry, Rube Glidden and Frank McOsker, better known in society as "Sweet Evening Breeze".

George Ade has given us a play with the "county fair" as the theme but George's idea of the comical and ludicrous is not to be compared with the original things suggested and presented by the Hosfords. The affair last evening was complimentary to Sal Green and Hiram Perkins of Billerica.

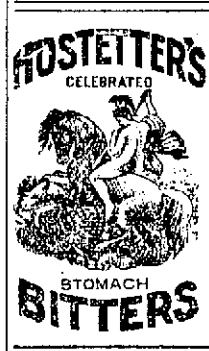
True it is that one Hosford as a wag is capable of playing many parts and they all proved their titles clear last evening. Nothing of the old parish cult entered into the show. It was not opened with religious exercises. It reminded one of the beginning of the old-time "cattle show" when they brought the best and sleekest of their flocks—the milkiest cow, the squarest shouldered ox.

The Hosfords formed in front of the hall at 7.30 and started for the Middlesex street depot to meet the guests of the evening. First in line was a platoon of police headed by Chief Charles S. Cox and Constables Patrick McDonough, Frank Murphy, Fred O'Brien, John Mooney, Jack Crawford and Mr. Halford. They were followed by Seth and another donkey and then came the prize band composed of rubes and discordant sounds. The band murdered all of the latest airs and in their trail was strewed the quivering form of music foully dealt with. Even poor "Hedelia" did not escape the massacre of the Hosfords. She was winged and beheaded and left to die in the gutter. William Tell was made to look like a disappointed bootblack and other creations of the musical mind were thrown down forever.

Let it be said, however, that the Hosfords catered to the spirit of the day, and thus ensured a paying revenue. They do not believe in "selling their birthright for a mess of pottage." Their huskin' bee was a great big success and as funny as it was successful.

Sal Green and Hiram Perkins, the guests of the evening, rode from the depot to the hall in a hayrack and there were expressions on their faces that spoke "louder than words could tell" of the satisfaction they felt. Sal is a very plain girl and Hiram is about as homely a gentleman as ever visited Lowell.

Red fire lighted the streets and there were Irish, French, Greek and Roman candles galore. Rube Glidden was at his best and he did play some powerful nice tunes, getting his inspiration from little Johnnie Curry, who was all dressed up in a silk hat. Sal Green was dressed too beat the cars. Some said she was dressed like a circus horse but there were others, including Hiram Perkins, who said that Sal "was arranged for the occasion". Arriving at Associate hall there was more music and then the Hosfords and their guests and friends went inside and after they had enjoyed a very nice concert the boards were cleared for dancing and they "broke it down till daylight".



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GOT NO WRIT

STENOGRAPHER CANNOT FORCE CITY TO PAY $7,467.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Miss Elizabeth M. McDonough's petition for a writ of mandamus against Mayor Collins, other city officials and the city council to compel them to take action for the payment of her bill for $7467 as stenographer for the joint standing committee of the city council of 1903, which investigated the Long Island almshouse and hospital, was denied by Judge Braley in the supreme court yesterday.

She has an ordinary action of law pending against the city for the recovery of her bill, which the city is contesting, and the court did not think that her petition presented a case calling for the granting of the extraordinary remedy of a writ of mandamus, so denied it without prejudice to her rights and remedies in her other case. This leaves her to her remedy in that suit.

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GIRL SAYS SHE WAS EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL.

WALTHAM, Dec. 17.—The case of Osha vs. the city of Waltham to recover $2000 damages, which is to be tried soon in the Middlesex superior court at Cambridge, promises to be of more than usual interest.

The plaintiff, Eugene Osha, sues in behalf of his daughter, Beatrice, to recover damages for her being excluded from the public schools here until she had complied with the health rules governing vaccination.

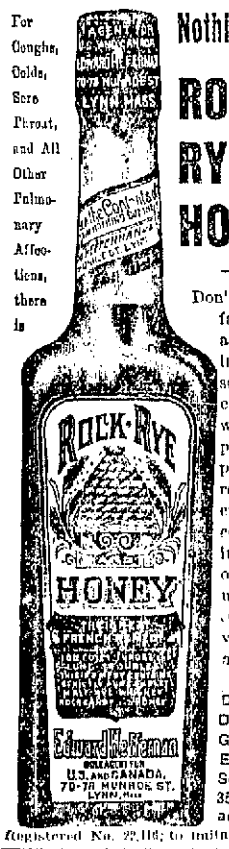
She had been attending school several weeks, it is alleged, before the matter of vaccination was brought up, and she was sent home by her teacher and told to remain there until she had been vaccinated.

The father presented a certificate from the family physician stating that the girl had been properly vaccinated and could attend school. This, it is claimed was not accepted by the school authorities as sufficient proof, and the latter, Mr. Osha claims, ordered the girl to be vaccinated again. This the father refused to do and the child was not allowed to return to school.

The child is now attending the St. Joseph's parochial school and Mr. Osha has brought suit against the city on the grounds that the school authorities had no right to exclude his child from school when the family physician presented a certificate showing that the girl had been properly vaccinated.

EX-CONGRESSMAN DIED SUDDENLY.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Dec. 17.—Former Congressman Edgar Weeks, who represented the seventh Michigan district in the fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh congresses, died suddenly last night.



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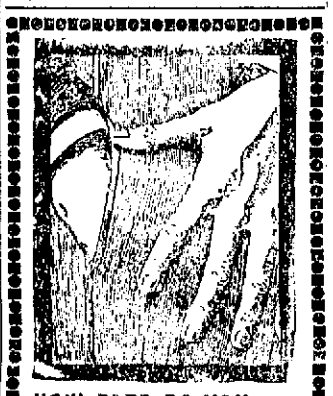

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☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

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The astronomers have discovered that the moon is cracked. It is a good while since the moon began to exercise an influence on cracked people.

The charge of excessive youthfulness should not be urged with too much insistence against Mayor-elect Casey. This fault is generally the first its possessor gets rid of.

It would almost seem that Lawson and Greene were in a conspiracy to advertise each other by onslaughts of hot air discharged through the newspapers. Are they both fakirs?

So it is conceded by Washington that General Miles will be restored to full pay if appointed adjutant-general by Governor Douglas. He has lost his danger as a presidential possibility.

Chief Hosmer is elected. Now may we expect to have the vacancies in the department filled. The chief can ask for nothing more except an increase in salary and a life term.

It is just as well for the citizens in general to understand that they cannot override the orders of the board of health when a matter of public health is involved. The injunction issued in the Rochambeau case is conclusive on that point.

THAT LABOR DAY DECISION.

If the city solicitor is right on the Labor day matter, as we have reason to believe he is, the question arises why the fact was not discovered before when the city was paying out money for the observance of Labor day. Furthermore, if the Labor day appropriation be illegal, the same rule it seems to us, will apply equally to the appropriation for Memorial day, asked annually by the Grand Army posts. The law is no respecter of persons.

FREEDOM FOR THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE.

The movement for Russian freedom is gathering strength in this country as well as at home. Here the leaders can speak out, as they dare not at home, and they express the highest confidence in the success of their movement. Madam Breshkofskoye, who has suffered twenty-five years in the Siberian prisons for pleading the cause of liberty is the inspiration of the movement in this country.

The meeting in Faneuil hall the other evening would arouse great enthusiasm in Russia if the people could only learn what was said. With the exception of what little can be done in secret such a thing is impossible. Yet the freedom of the Russian people seems to be at hand. The termination of the present war will mark an epoch of reform in Russia that will start the empire upon an era of national progress unexampled in her history.

MERCY FOR AN ASSASSIN.

The assassin who killed Minister Von Plehve has been sentenced, after a judicial conviction to life imprisonment, a sentence which the manifesto of Nicholas II. on the birth of his heir reduces to fourteen years penal servitude. This man left no doubt as to his guilt as he himself was overcome by the effects of the bomb and shouted his joy at seeing the minister mangled by the explosion. No such clemency would be shown any assassin convicted of such a crime in any other country in the world. This disposal of the case shows the changed conditions in Russia. It is not so long ago since an assassin of this kind would be hurried to the block or shot like a dog. The day of barbarous penalties is gone by in Russia.

FARNHAM'S SUCCESS IN STREET DEPARTMENT.

When an official shows such pre-eminent fitness for office as has Mr. Farnham since he assumed the duties of superintendent of streets, the best interests of the citizens at large demand that he be retained. If the city council made the term of office three years and made Mr. Farnham the incumbent, the position would be taken out of politics and the taxpayers would be assured of getting the worth of their money in work on the streets. The fact that Mr. Farnham is a civil engineer, of course enables him to go ahead in many cases where a man less competent would have to stop or proceed at the risk of blundering. But besides being an engineer, Mr. Farnham eschews politics, he holds no drones in the department, he keeps the grafters to the rear, he keeps an eye open to economy and distributes the work of the department where it will be most beneficial to the greatest number. He has practised economy by keeping streets in good condition by timely repairs, whereas if they were left without such repairs the abutters would soon be crying out for smooth paving or a new street, and they would get what they wanted from the city council.

It is not impossible that when Farnham leaves the department the taxpayers may demand that none but a civil engineer shall be elected to the position. So far as can be judged by his work Mr. Farnham is the most capable superintendent of streets we have ever had.

FEDERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE.

On the recommendation of President Roosevelt in his recent message Representative Morrell of Pennsylvania has introduced a bill in congress to bring the insurance business of the country under the supervision of the general government. The bill provides that on or before January, 1906, the secretary of commerce and labor shall appoint a superintendent of insurance to be subordinate to the commissioner of corporations. The duties of this office will be to enforce all laws relative to insurance so far as these involve interstate or foreign transactions. It further provides that the attorney general of the United States shall assist the insurance commissioner in enforcing the law.

Provision is also to be made for a report of each company doing business in various states to be made on or before January 1 of each year said reports to set forth all the operations of each company. Any company failing to comply with this regulation will be disqualified from doing business in any state except that in which its main office is located.

The bill further provides that all persons or firms engaged in interstate or foreign business shall file an authenticated certificate of their rights to do business in the state or country in which it is chartered.

The bill is quite comprehensive and will at least bring into the department a vast amount of information. Without doubt it will give the government a line on a great many concerns which hitherto have done business almost in defiance of the laws of various states. It will furnish greater protection to the insured and will prevent swindles of various kinds which were often effected by companies chartered in one state and doing business in many other states.

SEEN AND HEARD

If love is not worth loving, then life is
not worth living,
Nor aught is worth remembering, but all
is well forgot;
For store is not worth storing and gifts
are not worth giving
If love is not there.

An important question is now under consideration by the board of health of New York city, and that is an inquiry into the cause of the alarming prevalence of pneumonia in that city.

During November there were more than 682 deaths from that disease; and most significant is the fact that the greater number of these occurred in what is known as the apartment house district.

These being luxurious, steam-heated edifices, of either flats or suites of apartments.

Now the pneumonia committee is investigating the matter, trying to determine whether over-heated interiors are responsible for that condition of the system which succumbs readily to pneumonia.

Be the result what it will, it really seems as if this matter of extreme indoor heat, if allowed to continue, will assume dangerous proportions.

Where lies the land to which the ship
would go?
Far, far ahead is all her seamen know;
And where the land she travels from?
Away,
Far, far behind is all that they can say.

On sunny noons, upon the deck's smooth
face,
Linked arm in arm, how pleasant here to
pace;
Or, o'er the stern reclining, watch below
The foaming wake far widening as we
go.

On stormy nights, when wild northwesters rave,
How proud a thing to fight with wind
and wave!
The dripping sailor, on the reeling mast,
Exults to hear and scorns to wish it past.

Where lies the land to which the ship
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He was only a poor old hobo, and had a face that was as long and cast down as that of the distant relative who butts in at the reading of the will.

His under togs were tattered and torn, his feet were encased in wrong-font shoes, and the hair of his head was shooting through the top of his hat like rising crocuses in the gentle spring.

He was seated on the cold stone steps of a big building, with his face clasped in his hands. Little sparrows hopped around his hoofs, and dogs barked on the opposite side of the street, but he heeded them not.

A gentleman, whose heart was full of philanthropy, came down the street, gave a pitying glance at the dejected walking delegate and remarked:—

"Are you ill, my poor man?"

"Yes," replied the tramp. "I'm sick enough to fill two hospitals and will soon be dead enough to fill four graveyards."

"What seems to be the trouble?"

"I don't know, boss, but it is a clinch dat it ain't dyspepsia."

"Have you tried to consult a physician?"

"Yes, I jes' seen one down at de free dispensary."

"Did he give you any medicine?"

"Yes, boss, but I hain't took none of it yet."

"Well, why don't you take it?"

"Dat's jes' what's troublin' me, mister, I don't know how to negotiate de stuff."

"What do the directions say?"

"Why, dey say take a teaspoonful before each meal, an' how in de bloomin' blazes can I ever take de medicine if I don't eat?"

It was nothing more than an incident, but the circumstances proved that when a determined woman makes up her mind to do a thing, she will either accomplish the same or know the reason why. The incident in question occurred a few days ago in one of the big railroad sheds, where a young man was about departing on a train for Boston, and his wife was present to see him off.

They were conversing together close to the gates leading to the train, when the cry of "All aboard for Boston" was heard. Hastily grasping his grip and kissing the little woman at his side, the man made a dash for the cars.

"Hold up, Clarence, I want to see you," called the wife, as the man hastened away.

"What is it, my dear?" he said, halting on the other side of the iron railing.

"I want you; come here," said she in a very commanding tone.

"I cannot. The train is about starting."

"Come here, I tell you."

"What is the trouble?" said he, rather impatiently, returning to her side.

"You cannot go on that train. If you do, I'll go, too."

"Why, what is the trouble?"

"That woman is on the train. She just passed through the other gate."

The man didn't make any response, but looked as though he was thinking a heap. The couple left the station together, but were on hand an hour later, and he was permitted to depart this time without interference of any kind, on the part of his legal mate.

FEWER FRENCH MARRIAGES.

Despite the fact that this is leap year, the young French ladies of this city apparently did not avail themselves to any great extent of the privilege of asking young gentlemen to marry them. Last year there were 264 marriages solemnized in St. Joseph's parish as against 184 up to the present time of this year, there being 80 less this year. Of the marriages performed this year but 17 were mixed marriages.

AFTER LAWSON

Lawyer Wants Boston Man Indicted

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—An application for the indictment of Thomas W. Lawson and for the showing of the books of the Amalgamated Copper company was made at the district attorney's office yesterday by Henry Wellington Wack, who lives most of the time in London. Mr. Wack is a member of the National Bar association of this country and of the Royal Geographical society of London.

Accompanied by his lawyer, Charles M. Beattie, Mr. Wack called at the office of District Attorney Jerome and left there his formal application that Mr. Lawson be indicted.

Mr. Wack says he owns outright one thousand shares of Amalgamated, and that it was worth when he came here a few weeks ago, $81,750.

As a result of Mr. Lawson's acts, Mr. Wack asserts, his stock fell to 59, and he suffered a loss of approximately $21,000.

Mr. Wack asks that a demand be made on the Amalgamated company for its books to ascertain just what its stock is worth and if Lawson's declaration proved false, he wants him indicted under the law which provides that any person who knowingly circulates a false rumor, statement or intelligence against a stock is punishable by a fine of not more than $3000 or by imprisonment for not more than three years, or both.

Assistant District Attorney Rand said the district attorney would surely make an investigation and would invite all parties interested to appear before him.

MASS MEETING

URGES RATIFICATION OF ARBITRATION TREATIES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A mass meeting called to urge the prompt ratification of the arbitration treaties recently signed by the state department with several of the leading foreign powers, was held last night at Carnegie hall under the auspices of the New York executive committee of the American conference on international arbitration. There was a very large attendance and the speakers were repeatedly applauded.

The meeting was called to order by John Crosby Brown. He expressed regret at the absence of Andrew Carnegie, who was to have opened the meeting, but who, he said, could not be present.

Mayor George B. McClellan presided and was the first speaker.

M. Linn Bruce, lieutenant governor-elect, was the next speaker.

"It is fitting," he said, "that as residents of a great state which has always been first in war and first in peace, we should give expression to our devotion to a movement which is one of the highest expressions of our Christian civilization. The principle upon which international arbitration proceeds is the same as that upon which our whole system of jurisprudence rests. An appeal to the arbitrament of the sword to settle international differences can no more be justified than the ancient appeal to personal combat to settle differences between individuals."

Archbishop Ireland then was introduced. While he was speaking he was interrupted by a man who cried:

"Give somebody else a chance."

The archbishop immediately sat down. The audience hooted the man who had shouted and ushers tried to find him but failed. Then the audience applauded until Archbishop Ireland resumed his speech.

Letters from Grover Cleveland, Carl Schurz and John Mitchell were read.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—A successful surgical operation was performed upon President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton University at the Presbyterian hospital here yesterday. Supt. Fisher, of the hospital said the operation was not a serious one, but that he was not at liberty to disclose its nature.

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STABBED WOMAN

Angry Father Then Attacked Her Husband

WASHINGTON, Penn., Dec. 17.—Angelo Giardini and his wife are dying at Westland, the result of a murderous assault by the woman's father, Guiseppe Varino. The attack was made, it is said, because Mrs. Giardini reproved her father for abusing her mother. Varino went to his son-in-law's house and calling Giardini to the door stabbed him several times in the breast one cut going through the left lung. Leaving his victim unconscious, Varino went to his daughter's room, where she was in bed. Seizing her with his left hand, the man held her upright while he plunged the knife three times into her breast, penetrating the pleural cavity. Varino then took to the hills and escaped.

HANGED HERSELF

WOMAN RECENTLY LEFT INSANE HOSPITAL.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Helene Paquin, 50 years of age, wife of Narcisse Paquin, committed suicide last night by hanging herself by a towel to a towelrack in the bathroom of her home. Mrs. Paquin had recently been taken from an insane hospital. She leaves a husband and five children.

NOT PARTY FUNCTION

STATE COMMITTEE WILL NOT ATTEND INAUGURATION.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The democratic state committee will not attend the inauguration of Governor-elect Douglas in a body, nor will its members be invited individually. John J. Flaherty, chairman of the executive committee said yesterday:

"The inauguration is not a party function and the democratic state committee as such, has no proper place at the inaugural exercises."

LAMP EXPLODED

CAR CONTAINING VALUABLES WAS DESTROYED.

ROCHDALE, Mass., Dec. 17.—By the explosion of a kerosene lamp in a baggage car on the Boston and Albany division while passing through here yesterday morning, the car was destroyed and the Adams Express company which occupied it with general merchandise and four safes, filled with valuables estimated to be worth $100,000, chiefly jewelry, will lose not less than $10,000, according to estimates of the company's officials.

BABE IS DEAD

MOTHER IS NOT EXPECTED TO RECOVER.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 17.—Margaret Robinson, 18 years of age, who four days ago became a mother, was found unconscious yesterday in a hut a mile from Tunnel, a small place near here. The babe at her side in a rude cot, was frozen to death. On Monday night the child was born and the father left for the woods to cut timber fuel, since which time he has not been seen. Frozen bread and a small piece of meat were found on the floor near the bed. The woman is not expected to recover.

BOSTON TEA PARTY

ANNIVERSARY OF THE EVENT OBSERVED.

BOSTON, Dec. 17—The 131st anniversary of the "Boston Tea Party," was celebrated at the Hotel Vendome last night by the Massachusetts Society Daughters of the Revolution. The guests included in addition to members of the society, representatives of the Sons of the Revolutions, Sons of the American Revolution; Daughters of the American Revolution; Colonial Dames, Daughters of Massachusetts, Daughters of Vermont, Daughters of 1812, Society of Colonial Wars and Mayflower Descendants. It was also "Gentlemen's night," the first ever given by the Daughters of the Revolution.

The program included a short address of welcome by the state regent, Mrs. Adaline F. Fitz; an address on "Patriotism, the Salvation of America," by Mrs. F. Adelaide Ingsaham of New York, president of the general society, Daughters of the Revolution; address by Charles E. Adams, president of the Massachusetts society, Sons of the American Revolution, and James J. Myers.

NEXT WEEK AT THE CASTO.

For next week at the Casto Manager Haynes has prepared an excellent program which is headed by the famous miniature artists, Mrs. Tom Thumb and the Baron and Count Magri. These artists of world-wide fame will appear for the first time at the Casto, presenting their great comedy success entitled "Two Strings to Her Bow." Known in every city on two continents, their names a household word, these Lilliputians are the most wonderful extant and their work is art. The comedy they will present has been especially written for them and it contains many bright, witty lines, and humorous situations.

The remainder of the program is composed of star comedy acts, and includes Hanley and Valesca in their comedy hit written by Joe Flynn and entitled "The Wrong Flat;" Dick Lynch in his novel specialty, "One Thing and Another" in which he introduces burlesque ballads, funny stories and clever dancing; De Onzo Brothers, "The acrobatic coopers," in their novel act; Jones and Walton in their comedy, "Our Country Cousin;" Ethel Robinson, "the pocket edition of May Irwin;" Wilson and Davis in their conversational comedy which contains many bright stories, and Harry Johnson, the "real coon" in his monologue. Reserved seats can be ordered by telephone, 815-3.

SAM WALTER FOSS CLUB.

The "Sam Walter Foss Literary Club" held their fortnightly meeting on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. F. E. Warner, 254 Foster street. During the session the club voted to make a donation to the several charitable institutions of the city in the way of a Christmas offering, and Mrs. W. H. Howe was appointed to take charge of the donations and see to the delivery of the same. The club is increasing in interest. Have taken the study of Japan, its people, customs and manners of living for the last two meetings and are to take up Russia at the next meeting, which will be held with Mrs. W. T. Hatch, 118 South Loring street on Dec. 28.

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TWO MORE NAMED

For Place on Governor's Staff

BOSTON, Dec. 17—The following was given out by W. R. Buchanan, private secretary to Gov-elect Douglas, at the state house late yesterday afternoon:

"Gov-elect Douglas announces the appointment of Henry L. Kincaide of Quincy as assistant inspector general on his staff with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

"Also the reappointment of William C. Capelle of Boston as assistant adjutant general, with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

"Also William L. Mitchell of Brookline as aide-de-camp, with the rank of major.

"This completes the governor-elect's staff, with the exception of inspector general, who no doubt will be a retired regular army officer."

So far as the office of inspector general is concerned it seems reasonably certain that Brig. Gen. Edmund Rice retired, will be appointed.

It is understood that the governor-elect has informed Gen. Miles, who is to be his chief of staff, that the appointment of an inspector general would be left in his hands. Gen. Rice has been in Boston for a week or more. Until the notification comes from the war department detailing Gen. Miles to duty in Massachusetts nothing officially will be given out relative to the inspector general on the staff of the new governor.

Gov. Douglas expected to hear from the war department yesterday, but the letter did not arrive. It is well understood, however, that the inspector general will be Gen. Miles' appointment, and those who know the close relationship which has existed for years between Gen. Miles and Gen. Rice have no hesitancy in predicting that Gen. Rice will be selected. It is no secret in military circles that Gen. Rice would welcome a detail to Massachusetts.

Henry L. Kincaide of Quincy, who has been appointed assistant inspector general, is a well known business man of that town.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

Holiday gifts, Oriental Bazaar.

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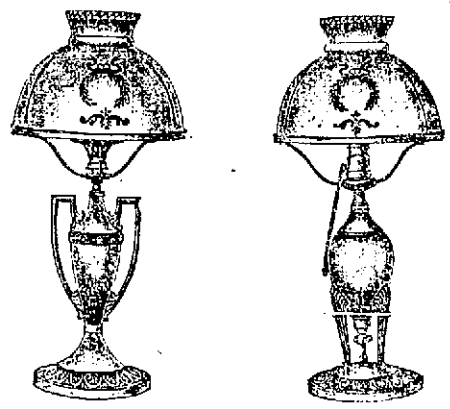

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PHILIPPINE BILL

Was Passed by the Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—The senate yesterday by a vote of 44 to 23 passed the Philippine civil government bill.

The final vote was preceded by the presentation of many amendments, and a general discussion of them, as well as of the provisions of the bill.

The discussion was confined quite generally to the merits of the measure.

On some of the amendments suggested by democratic senators several western republicans voted in the affirmative, but Mr. McCumber was the only republican who voted with the democrats against the final passage of the bill.

The most notable change made during the day was the lowering of the rate of interest on railroad bonds to be guaranteed by the Philippine government from 5 to 4 per cent.

The bill as passed exempts from taxation all bonds issued by the Philippine and Porto Rican governments; authorizes municipalities in the Philippines to incur a bonded indebtedness amounting to 5 per cent. of the assessed valuation of their property at 5 per cent. interest; authorizes the Philippine government to incur a bonded indebtedness of $5,000,000 for improvements at 4½ per cent. interest; authorizes the Philippine government to guarantee the payment of interest on railroad bonds at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum; provides for the administration of the immigration laws by the Philippine authorities; establishes a system for the location and patenting of mineral, coal and saline lands; fixes the metric system for the islands, and gives the civil governor the title of governor general.

During the day Mr. Beveridge, from the committee on territories, reported the statehood bill, and he will make a motion on the first day that the senate convenes in January that the consideration of the bill shall be entered on at once.

BODY RECOVERED

MAN WAS BURIED IN QUICK SAND.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 17—While engaged in deepening a well at Asonet Thursday, Leander Winslow, 71 years of age, a veteran well digger, was caught in quick sand that rushed into the hole as a result of a cave in of a part of the wall. The sand piled up so quickly that all attempts to rescue the man were futile. A rescuing party was formed and began digging at once but it was not until nearly noon yesterday that the body was recovered.

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PICTORIAL POLITICAL ECHOES

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Indian Killed Woman and Her Son

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17.—A strange story of crime comes from the small town of Tamazunchala, in the state of San Luis Potosi. An Indian known as Cahuantzi, who was suffering from an attack of hydrophobia, encountered Vincente Silva and the latter's mother, who were coming to town and killed them with a long knife. The number of wounds inflicted is said to have been over twenty to each victim. He then killed a shepherd. Rurales were sent out to capture the man, but when they approached him Cahuantzi fired upon them with a revolver, killing one and wounding another. He was finally killed by the rurales.

Cahuantzi is supposed to have gone mad as the result of a coyote bite.

SUPREME COURT

HELD BUTTERFIELD WILL WAS NOT VALID.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Because the late Francis M. Butterfield of Lynn told one of the witnesses to his will, after signing it, that "it was a fake made for a purpose," and never subsequently acknowledged the instrument before the three attesting witnesses as his will, the full bench of the supreme court yesterday held that the instrument was not valid, reversed the probate decree allowing it, and directed that it be disallowed.

The purpose of Butterfield in making a sham will was, according to the man who drew it, to have Mary Fleming, to whom he purported to give all his property at his death, think that he had made a will in her favor.

She petitioned for the allowance of the instrument of his will after his death, but it was contested by his relatives.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

POLICE CALLED

FIGHTERS BEGAN TO SLUG EACH OTHER.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—The police stopped the contest between Johnnie White, colored and Young Erne, white, featherweights, at the Manhattan Athletic club last night. Erne's cleverness bewildered the negro in the first two rounds, and at the commencement of the third White started in to fight rough and tumble. As the pair were falling White began to sing his man. When they reached the mat Erne promptly overturned the colored fighter and was pummeling him when the police called a halt. Erne had far and away the better of what fighting took place in the two rounds and a half.

SECRETARY TAFT

TOOK PART IN PREPARATION OF SECTION OF PHILIPPINE BILL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—Secretary Taft reached the capitol soon after the senate convened yesterday, ready to meet objection raised against the Philippine bill. As the result of his visit and conference with senators, he took part in the preparation of a new section to the bill, to take the place of section 4, guaranteeing five per cent. on money invested in the construction of railroads in the islands. The amendment was the joint work of secretary Taft and Senators Allison, Sponsor and Lodge.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Passaconaway Tribe 32 Improved Order Red Men held a well attended meeting last night. The class initiation committee reported good progress. The banquet committee reported it a great success socially and in point of numbers. A vote of thanks was extended to the newspapers for the splendid account of the same. The degree staff rehearsed the chief degree. Interesting remarks on the order were made by visiting brothers and brothers of the tribe.

The Golden Star club held a regular meeting last night and elected officers for the dance to be held in Associate hall in February: general manager, John A. Crowley; assistant, T. J. Hardwood; floor director, William Sabourin; assistant, Joseph Allard; chief aid, Ovila Tetriault; treasurer, Amie Drainville.

Oriental Bazaar, opposite Kirk st.

TERRY McGOVERN

BOXED FOUR ROUNDS WITH JOHNNIE BURDICK.

PITTSFIELD, Dec. 17—A four round sparring exhibition between Terry McGovern and Johnnie Burdick was the principal attraction at the Knickerbocker A. C. last night. Burdick had been matched to meet Joe Bernstein but the latter called the match off and McGovern was substituted. The bout was for points only and there was no decision.

TREASURER BLISS

GUEST OF HONOR AT UNION LEAGUE CLUB.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—In recognition of the republican national committee, Cornelius Bliss was made the chief guest of honor at an informal dinner last night at the Union League club. The only other guest besides Mr. Bliss was William L. Ward, the republican national committeeman of New York state. Ex Senator Warner Miller presided.

No set toasts were responded to. Ex-Senator Miller proposed the health of Mr. Bliss, and in so doing praised his services as the party's national treasurer. Mr. Bliss responded. Among those at the dinner were Gov. Odell, Senator Depew, Former vice president Levi P. Morton, Gov. Murphy of New Jersey, Whitelaw Reid, Senator W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts; Former Postmaster General Charles Emery Smith, former Attorney General John W. Griggs, Gen. A. L. Mills and Hamilton Fish, assistant treasurer of the United States.

Oriental Bazaar, 200 Merrimack st.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Edwin S. Eastman is a candidate for chairman of the board of overseers of the poor.

James Gilbert Hill is a candidate for city solicitor and likewise a candidate for chairman of the republican city committee.

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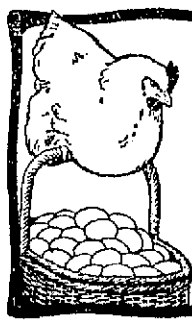

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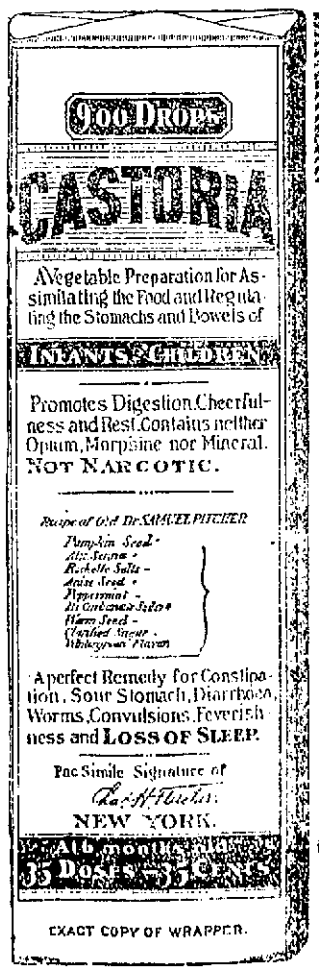

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JAMES PAPPAS

Found Not Guilty of Attempt to Murder

In the superior criminal court at East Cambridge, yesterday, James Pappas, who was charged with assault with intent to murder Constable Cutter of Dracut, was found not guilty. As was stated in The Sun yesterday when Pappas' case was called on Thursday he was not in court. His absence was due to a misunderstanding and his explanation was accepted by the court. Pappas and a friend went hunting in the Dracut woods. Constable Cutter believing that the two young men were killing robins went into the woods accompanied by his hired man and in the altercation that ensued he was shot by Pappas.

James Mulhinch, charged with receiving stolen property, was found guilty. Sentence was deferred until Monday. The jury retired at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon and brought in a sealed verdict at 8 o'clock the same evening.

The case of Andrew Bingle for assault and battery on his wife was continued until the next session of the superior court.

Theodoras Brachutos, charged with assault with a knife, was placed on probation.

Thomas J. Brady, drunkenness, was placed on probation.

The case of Peter Bropella, charged with assault and battery on his wife, was heard. He was placed on probation.

M. J. Reynolds for drunkenness, was sentenced to three months in the workhouse.

FOUND GUILTY

CHURCH THIEF STOLE SACRED VESSELS.

DEDHAM, Dec. 17.—In the Norfolk court, criminal session, the jury brought a verdict of guilty against John McAvoy, alias Frank Allen of Boston, for breaking and entering St. Catherine's Catholic church at Norwood last June and stealing many sacred vessels. McAvoy, the police say, has served terms in state prison, Deer Island and many other institutions.

Andrew W. Corthell was sentenced to two years, at hard labor, at the house of correction in Dedham.

Dennis P. McDermott, for drunkenness, was sent to the state farm at Bridgewater.

William Hartnett, for breaking and entering at Norwood, was given 18 months in the house of correction at Dedham, and Mrs. Isabelle F. Trimble was sentenced to the reformatory at Sherborn.

MAD OVER DOLLIES

GIRL THINKS THAT THEY ARE ANGELS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Surrounded by the dolls and the boys she had grown to love, Miss Esther Broomstein, 22 years old, and said to be the handsomest girl in one of New York's largest department stores, yesterday lost the reason which had been tottering for weeks and is now in Bellevue psychopathic ward.

When her dementia does not take a violent physical form she is possessed of the delusion that the dolls over which she presided in the store are angels, that she is the goddess who rules them, and that one—a splendid specimen of the toymaker's art—is her sweetheart. Her friends and employers first received an intimation of the wrecking of her mind when she asked to be permitted to remain in the store all night, near her inanimate comrades.

Alienists have been unable to diagnose her case. Before subjection she whipped several customers and members of the staff.

THREE LIVES LOST

In Fire in N. Y. Tenement Block

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Three persons were killed and several injured, two fatally in a fire in a three story brick residence at 184 South Main street, Williamsburg, early today. The dead are:

ALICE SWINSON, a lodger.
ADRIN REYNOLDS,
CHARLES LINCOLN, painter, aged 20 years.

The fire was caused by the explosion of an oil stove. Most of those who lost their lives were caught in the upper stories of the building from which there were no fire escapes.

POLICE REFORMS

PRES. ROOSEVELT LOOKING INTO CONDITIONS AT THE CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt is devoting some of his spare time to conditions existing in the police court of Washington. That the president of the United States should manifest an interest in a subject of such purely local character is a little unusual, but Mr. Roosevelt, through the influence of a local charity worker, has taken it under advisement and proposes that there shall be, if possible, some reforming of local police methods.

The man responsible for the president's proposed intervention is William F. Downey, a wealthy livery stable keeper in Washington, who maintains for the benefit of the many human derelicts who arrive at and infest the national capital, an establishment, affording food, drink and place of rest, called the Good Samaritan Home. Recently his work was referred to by the president when the latter introduced Dr. Charles Wagner, author of "The Simple Life," at a local theatre. The president at that time took occasion to praise Mr. Downey's work in behalf of hundreds of social outcasts. Some days ago Mr. Downey wrote the board of district commissioners, the executive head of the local government, a plea for better methods in the police court here. The commissioners paid no attention to his letter.

The president heard of this and demanded that it be sent to him. He is now engaged in giving careful consideration to the matter. He has assured Mr. Downey, for whom he has developed a strong friendship, that he will take a personal interest in the disposition of the case and see that whatever wrongs there are amenable to correction are righted.

WANTS ALIMONY

MRS. BLACKINTON BEGINS SUIT AGAINST HUSBAND.

ATTLEBORO, Dec. 17.—Herbert H. Robinson, attorney for Mrs. Nellie A. Blackinton has brought suit in the supreme court of Rhode Island to compel W. Sumner Blackinton, one of the best known manufacturing jewellers of the country and for many years of the chain firm of W. & S. Blackinton, to pay alimony alleged to be due the plaintiff, and has attached his property for $1000.

Mrs. Blackinton divorced W. Sumner Blackinton in 1886 in New York city. The defendant was directed then to pay Mrs. Blackinton $800 a year for the support of Mrs. Blackinton and her child (Effie Maude), now married to a manufacturer. Surety for a bond of $10,000 was required, and the sureties were William Blackinton and Louis A. Blackinton, a former lieutenant in the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company of Boston. It was stated last evening that the sureties will be sued.

According to the New York decree Mrs. Blackinton, the plaintiff, was privileged to marry again, but this right was denied Mr. Blackinton. Mrs. Blackinton, who occupies a home on Pine street, has preferred not to marry again, but it is alleged that the defendant has been twice married.

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SOME CHANGES

In Officers of Police Relief Association

There was a meeting of the Police Relief association yesterday afternoon and according to John Hickson and other parliamentarians things were not done according to Hoyle. The officers at the police station, the fellows who were turned down, declare that it was a snap meeting, but Lieut. Donaldson who is pretty good authority on parliamentary law and who took a leading part at the meeting, says that the business transacted was perfectly legal.

The meeting was called to order by Officer Hickson, but when he realized that his official head was booked for the chopping block he left the room. The other officers who went down with Mr. Hickson included Capt. Kew, Officers Jas. Holland and Cester Ryder. The only excuse Mr. Donaldson and the others instrumental in bringing about the change have to offer is that they thought the association was sorely in need of the infusion of new blood.

On motion of Officer William Bumps, Lieut. Donaldson was made president pro tem and it was this move on the part of the men across the way that influenced John Hickson to move that the meeting adjourn. In order to explain what is meant by "the men across the way" it is necessary to state that Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Bumps and Mr. Laflamme, who was also in the alleged deal for a turnover, occupy one side of the building, while Captain Kew and the others who went down have offices on the other side.

When Mr. Hickson moved that the meeting be adjourned he argued at some length on the alleged illegality of it. His motion was overruled and he left the guard room. John's exit rather pleased the fellows from across the way and they proceeded to do business and elected the following ones to the board of directors: Supt. William B. Moffatt, Deputy Redmond Welch, Lieut. James Downey, Inspector Laflamme, Patrolmen James Welch, Thos. McCloughrey, Charles Hamilton, J. S. Dennett, William G. Bumps, Thomas H. Hesslan, Edward Fox, Frank Fox, J. L. Lameroux, John E. Connolly, Edward Flanagan.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

REPORT MADE BY THE AMERICAN BOARD.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The American board of foreign missions made public today a summary of protestant foreign missions as carried on by societies in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Ireland and Continental Europe. It shows that there are 25,652 stations and out stations, 5811 men missionaries, 768 women missionaries, 61,217 native laborers, 1,299,011 communicants, 120,391 additions to the church last year and 1,027,566 persons under instruction. The income of all the societies last year was $16,118,280. The foreign missionary societies of the Evangelical church of the United States have 10,222 stations and out stations, 2521 men missionaries and 2521 women missionaries, 22,225 native laborers, 4737 churches, 483,-505 communicants, 51,924 additions to the churches last year and 200,672 persons under instruction. The native contributions last year were $928,188 and the income of the foreign missionary societies of the Evangelical churches of the United States was $6,612,560.

The latest statistics for Japan make the protestant foreign missionary force number 772, with 1817 native christian workers and 12,225 communicants in the churches.

For 94 years the American board has been in existence and during that period it has sent into the mission field 961 men and 1188 women, in all 2152 persons. Of the men 737 were ordained, 29 of them being also physicians. In the schools of all grades there are 70,454 pupils. The total amount received into the treasury of the board from the beginning in 1810 is $37,756,551.

STILL ALARM SOUNDED.

A still alarm at 5.15 o'clock last night summoned a portion of the fire department to a slight blaze in the building at the corner of East Merrimack and Fayette streets, belonging to the W. E. Somes estate. One of the occupants of the house was engaged in thawing out water pipes when the fire communicated to the woodwork. The members of engine 4 of High street responded to the alarm and soon had the fire under control. The damage was slight.

FAST AGROUND

BRITISH SCHOONER PROBABLY CANNOT BE SAVED.

HYANNIS, Mass., Dec. 17.—The British schooner Ella and Jennie which went ashore on Bishop and Clerks ledge, six miles off this port, on Thursday night, is still fast aground and there is little hope that she can be saved. Although the wind has died down and the sea is calm, the schooner lies in a bad position and has filled with water. The captain and crew who came ashore here safely yesterday went out to their vessel today in cat-boats, intending to make an effort to strip her.

DEATHS

MARTIN—Mrs. Augusta D. Martin, agend 66 years, died yesterday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. H. D. Wadley, 66 Grove street. Mrs. Martin is survived by one son, Charles L. of Haverhill, and two daughters, Mrs. H. D. Wadley of Lowell and Mrs. H. A. Gillon of Salem. Salem papers please copy.

McCARTHY—Mrs. Dominick McCarthy died at her home, 9 Puffer avenue, yesterday afternoon, after a short illness. The deceased is survived by her husband, Dominick McCarthy, two sons, John T. and Patrick F., and two daughters, Theresa and Mary.

FAY—Thomas F. Fay, aged 64 years, a prominent and well known resident of this city, died this morning at his home, 303 Tenth street, after a lingering illness. Mr. Fay was well known throughout the city and owned a great deal of real estate in the vicinity of Adams and Common streets.

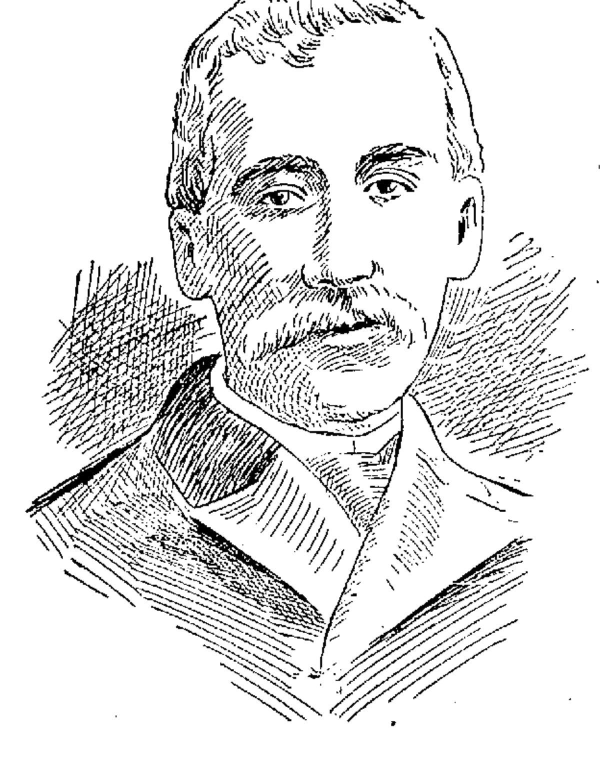
During the past year he has been in ill health and the most of the time was confined to his home. He gradually grew worse, the end coming this morning.

He leaves to mourn his loss three sons, Peter A., the well known lawyer; Joseph F., real estate man and George D. an accountant; also two daughters, Mary A. and Agnes T., teachers at the Varnum grammar school.

The funeral will take place from his late home Monday morning at 7.30 o'clock and a solemn high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Michel's church at 8 o'clock.

CALLAHAN—Patrick H. Callahan, a well-known resident of this city, died this morning at his home, 71 Fourth street.

The funeral will take place from his late home at 9.15 o'clock Monday morning and a high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Michael's church at 9.45 o'clock.



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WEALTHY FARMER SAYS HE WAS ASSAULTED BY THUGS.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 17.—Wm. Jibbins, a wealthy farmer, claims to have been assaulted and robbed of $6000 by thugs. He said he was called to the door of his cabin where he lived and was knocked down and tied after which the robbers ransacked his home. Jibbins had a number of severe cuts about the head.

FUNERALS

ABBOTT—The funeral of Rebecca L. Abbott took place yesterday afternoon from the Old Ladies' home in Fletcher street. Rev. T. Clayton Welles was the officiating clergyman, and burial was in the Edson cemetery. Undertaker Currier had charge.

SCHIEDRICH—The funeral of Helen M. Schiedrich, daughter of Paul and Helen, who died at the home of her parents, 23 Lincoln street, Dec. 16 was held yesterday afternoon, and burial was in the Edson cemetery. Undertaker Davey had charge.

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DRACUT HEROES

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At the Yellow Meeting House at 2 o'clock this afternoon a very interesting ceremony will take place. The Daughters of the Revolution will assemble to present to the town of Dracut a huge boulder close to the church and bearing a bronze tablet commemorative of the Dracut men who fought in the Revolutionary wars.

Dr. Moses G. Parker will make the presentation address. Solon W. Stevens will preside and Selectman Coburn will accept the gift on behalf of the town.

There will be other speakers and the ladies of the D. A. R. will be well represented. The Molly Varnum chapter of Lowell will attend in a body.

TURBINE CRUISER

BOWLES HAS A NEW IDEA IN SHIP CONSTRUCTION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17—Quite the most important feature of the bids for battleship construction opened yesterday at the navy department was the offer of the Fore River Ship Building Company of Quincy, Mass., to build the armored cruisers Montana and North Carolina, on special designs, and with turbine propulsive machinery, for $4,244,000 each. This is the first time that it has ever been seriously proposed by a ship builder of great reputation, like Francis T. Bowles, former chief constructor of the United States navy, and now president of the Fore River Company, to install turbine machinery in a 14,000 ton 22-knot cruiser.

The board on naval construction yesterday recommended that the Newport News Ship Building & Dry Dock Company be given the contract for the two cruisers for $3,575,000 each, and the New York Ship Building company of Camden, N. J., the contract for the battleship New Hampshire at $3,748,000.

Mr. Bowles' bid of $4,244,000 each for the armored cruisers was quite high, and the board does not regard the efficiency of turbines as sufficiently proved to warrant ordering a cruiser of this type.

Mr. Bowles proposed to present to the department in his design the Curtis marine turbine, an American invention, already highly developed for stationary use, in the place of the triple-expansion reciprocating engines. There would be one low-speed reversible turbine on the twin-screw shafts. Mr. Bowles is satisfied that this turbine has great superiority over the old style engine in speed and convenience. Mr. Bowles submits an entirely new plan of battery location, saying:

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"Enough weight is saved by the turbine machinery to permit a change increasing the thickness of the main armor belt throughout its length between the 10-inch turrets from five inches to six inches, which at 2000 yards would render the ship penetrable only by a six-inch gun and proof against a five-inch gun."

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NINE LIVES LOST

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RUSH FOR LIFE BOATS.

When the captain rushed to the deck smoke was pouring from every passage way and flames were sweeping up through the apartments around the walking beam. Captain McAllister sent in the alarm for fire drill and the men came tumbling out of their bunks. In the meantime, the steering gear had been blocked and the pilots, finding themselves unable to direct the course of the steamer, rushed to the assistance of the other members of the crew in saving lives.

Captain McAllister ordered McMullin to go to the hurricane deck and loosen one of the boats, while he went to the main deck and tried to loosen the two large life boats. Captain McAllister managed to loosen the port life boat. The other life boat was frozen to the davits but a smaller one was soon ready to be lowered away.

WOMAN DASHED INTO FLAMES.

While the officers and crew were working there was a fearful scene of confusion among the ten passengers. They ran about the saloons in disarray. The woman who lost her life had been aroused by the stewardess and was on her way to one of the boats when she suddenly turned and dashed back into the flaming cabin. It is supposed that she went back for her valuables. She was not seen again and must have perished. There was no possibility of waiting for the rescue of those who failed to appear at once. In the large boat 15 people were afloat. They included the eight rescued passengers and six of the crew including the captain. The large boat was just about to be lowered, when the latter ran up and jumped in just the nick of time or he too would have perished. The smaller boat which Pilot McMullin managed to loosen carried seven passengers. The two boats were rowed as far away from the burning steamer as was necessary to escape destruction and waited there and watched the boat burned. They made every effort to find any possible survivors, but there was none to be found. The burning steamer drifted away toward the Long Island shore. In the meantime the tug Bully, which was passing with a string of barges in tow, sighted the burning steamer, cast her tow adrift and came to the rescue of the persons in the boats. They were taken from the small craft, placed in the furnace room of the tug, clothing was given to them and when the steamer Erastus Corning came along, shortly afterward, were transferred on board of the latter and taken to New York.

STORY OF DISASTER

HOW THE SURVIVORS WERE TAKEN FROM BOAT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Nine persons, including two passengers lost their lives early today in the burning of the steamer Glen Island, bound from New York to New Haven. The steamer drifted aground on Captains Island in Long Island Sound and was burned to the water's edge.

The vessel left her pier in North River at 9 o'clock last night with 10 or 12 passengers and a heavy cargo. The fire was discovered before midnight off Execution Point, in the sound.

How it started is not known but suddenly the whole boat seemed to become filled with smoke and the electric lights were extinguished.

Boats were hurriedly lowered and all but two passengers and seven members of the crew escaped. One of the lost passengers was a man and the other a woman, residents of New York. None of the names have yet been learned.

A tug which sighted the Glen Island afire proceeded to the scene and picked up the passengers and crew from the small boats. They were placed aboard the steamer Erastus Corning and brought back to New York.

The Glen Island belonged to the Staten Island Transportation company. Her cargo was a valuable one, but the exact loss is not yet known.

A list of the dead follows:

UNKNOWN WOMAN PASSENGER, resident of New York.

UNKNOWN MALE PASSENGER from New York.

ROBERT HANLEY, deck hand.

O. BIRD, deck hand.

FRANK BUSH, fireman.

WM. BURKE, fireman.

WM. HENDRICKSON, assistant engineer.

Among those saved were:

MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK B. STREET of New Haven, Conn., and two daughters.

MAX LEVIN, of New York.

NATHAN DUBIN, of 253 Cedar street, New Haven.

The Street girls are students at Vassar and were on their way to New Haven for the holiday vacation at home.

The Glen Island was running up the Sound at her usual speed when the fire was discovered. How and where it originated, is something of a mystery, but it is believed to have started in a dynamo located below and near the center of the vessel.

The passengers were nearly all in their berths when the vessel suddenly became filled with stifling smoke and the lights went out.

Captain McAllister sent men through the cabin and the passengers were quickly aroused. Owing to the fact that considerable ice was banked along shore it was not possible to reach safety in that direction and the vessel drifted toward Captains Island. Efforts to check the spread of the flames were without avail and the life boats were prepared. With life belts about them, the passengers were quickly transferred to small boats. Eight persons got into one boat and 17 into another. So heavily laden was the second boat that it threatened every moment to capsize. The life boats hung about the burning steamer in the hope of picking up some of the missing and in a few minutes the tug Bully, towing some barges appeared. The tow line was instantly served and the Bully ran up to the scene.

The tug ran in as close as possible but nothing could be seen of the nine missing persons and all hope of saving them was given up. Those in the life boats were taken aboard and after the burning wreckage drifted ashore on the island, the tug headed for New York. On the way she met the steamer Erastus Corning, also of the Staten line, and the rescued were transferred to that vessel. They reached this city shortly before 7 o'clock this morning. Beyond their having suffered severely from the cold and nervous shock none was injured. The Glen Island which was commanded by Captain McAllister, who was the last person to leave the wreck, was constructed from the ruins of the city of Richmond. The latter, curiously enough, also was burned. After having been rebuilt, the steamer was christened Wm. C. Egerton and later renamed Glen Island.

Captains Island, where the Glen Island drifted ashore, lies off Greenwich, Conn., not far from the north shore of Long Island Sound. Survivors of the burned steamboat arrived in this city about daylight on the steamboat Erastus Corning, of the same line, which docked at the company's pier at the foot of Cortlandt street, North river. They were scantily clothed and have lost almost everything they possessed in their rush to the boats when the flames enveloped the steamboat.

Captain Chas. McAllister of Albany, who commanded the Glen Island, escaped with only his underclothes, trousers and an overcoat. As soon as he reached this city he went to a haberdasher's to refit.

The Glen Island was making a regular trip to New Haven from this city, taking the place of the John L. Starin of the same company which is now having her shaft repaired.

According to First Mate Larsen and Pilot Tony McMulling and Quartermaster McBride, who were also among the survivors, the fire broke out in the forward part of the steamboat when she was off Captains Island. Larsen says he cannot conceive how the fire started but declares that it seemed at once to have gained a headway which it was hopeless to attempt to fight and in a few minutes the entire vessel was ablaze. The passengers were aroused and had so little time to escape that they left almost everything they carried in their cabins.

Captain McAllister ordered the boats lowered and they were dropped into the water quickly and proved in good working order. The four firemen, two deck hands and Engineer Hendrickson who perished, the survivors say, were in the hold and could not escape before the flames swept over them. The two passengers reported dead were missing when the survivors reached the boats and it is supposed that they were caught in their cabins and burned to death. The survivors were in open boats only a short time and were on board the Erastus Corning, bound for this city, about an hour after leaving the Glen Island.

Mate Larsen says that there was no sea running when the steamer caught fire and that the boats were lowered and filled with passengers without difficulty. Captain McAllister lost nearly everything he owned. He was to go on a two weeks' vacation today and had money, jewelry and clothing packed in his cabin. He lost all these valuables.

SEEKING OFFICE

Hungry Republicans are Picking Out Places

Several members of the city council were at city hall this morning and all were discussing the possibilities of new city officials. It is conceded on all sides that if Frew Farnham will accept the position he will be elected superintendent of streets, while it is believed that the present board next Tuesday evening will elect Mr. Farnham. The latter has been impartial in the distribution of patronage and hence members of both parties have only kind words for him.

There are some seven or eight candidates for the water board to replace Michael J. Dowd whose term expires in March. Among them are H. C. Part, Cyrus Barton, John S. Palm, Moses Wyman and others.

The republican members of the overseers of the poor are doing much mysterious whispering these days, and a few of them are foolish enough to think that they can oust Dr. Donlon despite the fact that the civil service law does not permit the removal of officials from office for political reasons.

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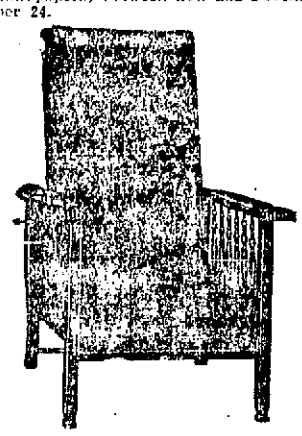

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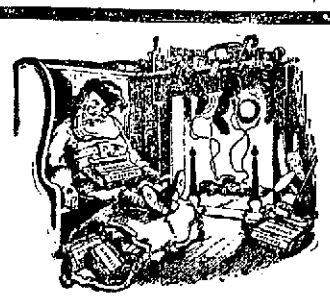

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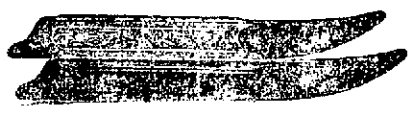

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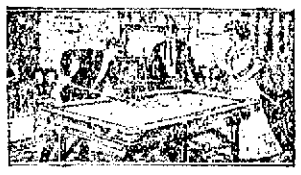

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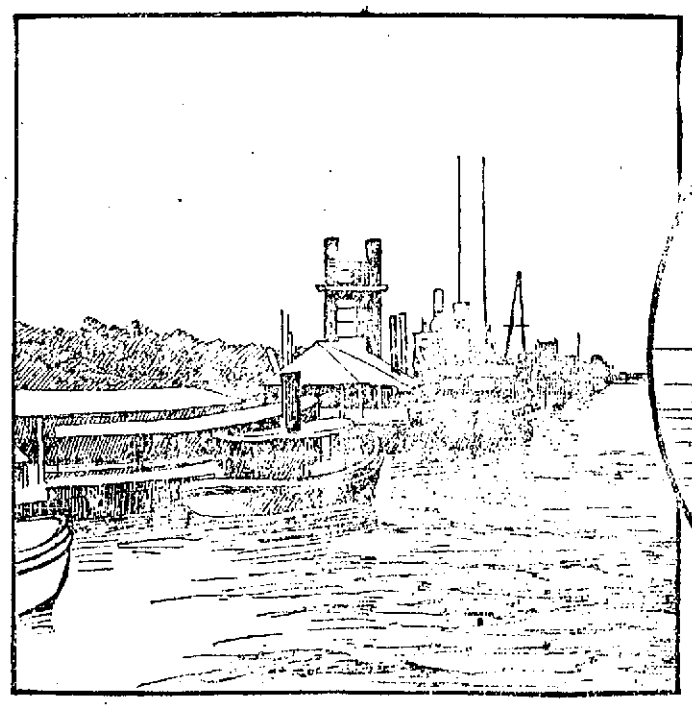
Present Status of the Panama Interoceanic Canal

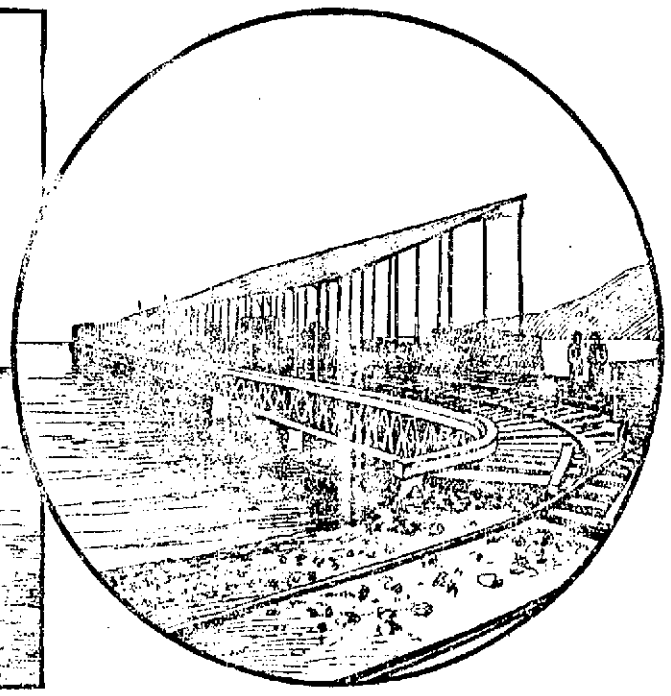
APROPOS of the mission intrusted to Secretary of War Taft to visit Panama as the accredited agent of the government for the purpose of investigating the differences which have arisen in regard to certain provisions of the canal treaty it is pertinent to recall some of the leading features of that widely discussed enterprise. Notwithstanding the fact that intimations from various sources have come recently to the Washington authorities that the Panamans were contemplating a revolution, the rumors have failed to produce a panic in official circles. When it is remembered that revolutions, so called, have been the constant and most diverting occupation of the Central and South American peoples almost from time immemorial, it is not to be wondered at that a fresh threat is looked upon as being somewhat innocuous.

Be that as it may, the construction of the great interoceanic waterway is not likely to begin until everything essential to its successful development has been made ready, so perfected indeed that all possibility of hindrance of any kind shall be provided against. This is indicated with sufficient clearness by a recent statement of Chief Engineer Wallace of the canal commission to the effect that the present commission had not yet adopted the plans of the former commission and that it will probably require another year of investigation to determine fully the details of the various plans under consideration, ranging from a ninety foot level to a sea level canal, with a tidal lock near the Pacific.

If a sea level canal should be decided upon, a dam would be necessary to confine the Chagres river, and that plan would also require the building of a tunnel seven miles in length to carry the surplus water of the river from the lake formed by this dam on to the Pacific. Consideration is also being given to a plan for reducing the summit level from ninety to sixty feet by substituting another water supply of equal area but lower elevation for the present Bohio lake.



ATLANTIC ENTRANCE TO THE CANAL.



THE PACIFIC ENTRANCE.

Several engineering parties are now in the field for the purpose of obtaining the necessary data for estimates as to the cost of construction, and during the coming winter many experiments will be made with various kinds of steam shovels and other heavy machinery required in the preliminary construction. Of course the principal work must be done by machinery, and physical labor must be reduced to a minimum. The ghastly record of the previous attempts to construct the canal makes that imperative. It is not expected that more than 10,000 or 12,000 men will be employed at any one time. Now there are not more than 1,600 men at work in all branches of the enterprise. Of this number 500 are in the sanitary department. There are six divisions of engineer corps at work, each in charge of a resident engineer.

The engineering and clerical departments are almost exclusively conducted by Americans, and every steamer supplies additions from the United States. The majority of laborers and also a few of the skilled men are English speaking negroes from Jamaica. Recent visitors to the isthmus declare that Panama's evil reputation as an insanitary region is due very largely to the fact that the indolent population has paid absolutely no heed to the laws of health. Physical excesses are perilous in all tropical countries, but most of the men who now hold responsible positions in connection with the canal are sober, industrious and ambitious. Many of them are alumni of American colleges. They are not put to any especial hardship on account of the climate, and cases of sickness among them are comparatively few.

It will be a surprise to those who have been accustomed to regard Panama as one of the most torrid spots on the continent to learn that the mean temperature for the past summer was only 84 degrees. Some of the officials connected with the canal declare that they have never exxperienced a more agreeable summer in the United States. The efficient sanitary corps has paid special attention to eradicating yellow fever and malarial disorders, and the results have been encouraging. There were only two cases of yellow jack during the entire summer, and but one of the victims was an employee of the government. The death rate in the city of Panama during the summer was fifty-four to the thousand. Still, the most optimistic admirer of the isthmus would hardly pronounce it a paradise or recommend it as a health resort. Its present improved sanitary condition, however, is an achievement worthy of much commendation and may be taken as an earnest that the commission means to be vigilant in its crusade against the apathy which formerly existed.

The construction of the canal, giant enterprise that it is, is not the only problem facing the United States. Its building presupposes and necessitates many other works, some of them of noteworthy magnitude. One of them is the providing of an adequate harbor at Colon. This, it is estimated, will cost at least $6,000,000. The harbor at Panama will require much improvement, and it will involve a large expenditure. Another improvement contemplates the utilization of the water supply developed at the great dam to furnish lighting power both for the canal and also for the terminals and towns along the route.

One of the most immediate provisions must be a proper water supply for both Colon and Panama. The construction of waterworks for the city of Panama has already begun, and $400,000 will be expended. A sewerage system which will cost as much more will follow and then will come the repaving of the streets of Panama, now in a condition of practical impassability. Colon also will be put into a state of habitability, so that the lives of the workmen who will build that end of the canal shall not be imperiled.

From this showing it is apparent that the actual work of construction is likely to be considerably delayed. It is the present opinion of the engineers in charge of the excavation that the work will not be ready for them before the beginning of 1906. By that time it is expected that the route will be mapped out and everything made ready for digging. It will take at least eight years to complete the undertaking. It is believed that the line already marked out by the French engineers will be followed as closely as possible, the principal changes being the straightening of curves. The canal will run for about twenty-five miles along the Chagres river, then along one of the branches of the Chagres, passing through the Culebra cut, ten miles from Panama; thence on by the Rio Grande river to Panama bay.

It is now estimated that the completion of the work will cost at least $150,000,000. This sum, added to the $40,000,000 paid to the French company for the canal property and the $10,000,000 given to the Panama government for the land grant, will make the total cost $200,000,000. There is little doubt that the canal will be a profitable investment from a business point of view.

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10.50	12.00	11.50	1.05
12.05	1.28	2.15	3.29
12.50	2.00	3.36	4.50
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7.48	8.55	11.30	12.07
7.52	10.05	12.00	12.50
8.57	9.40	1.00	1.37
9.35	10.19	2.00	3.01
11.05	12.00	3.00	3.37
11.43	12.24	3.47	5.00
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1.56	2.39	5.58	6.25
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5.49	7.00	8.30	9.08
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SUNDAY TRAINS
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LONDON, Dec. 17—The statement that a new split is impending in the Irish parliamentary party is strongly denied by those in a position to know the situation. The meeting in Dublin on Dec. 15 was perfectly harmonious.

The same harmony marked meetings held throughout Ireland.

Messrs. Redmond and Dillon have repeatedly met upon the same platform. Mr. O'Brien has returned to the ranks of the Irish party, and, beyond the natural differences regarding a fair price of land and other matters of detail it is positively stated that there is not the smallest chance of a renewal of the "split." Leaders of the party assert that the Irish cause is now nearing a triumph.

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PETITIONS FILED

Hill and Livingston Ask For Recounts

REGISTRARS WILL BEGIN ON NEXT MONDAY

Ward Nine Councilmanic Vote Will be Recounted

There was great "chiselling" as Hugh Finnerty would have put it, among the republicans at city hall yesterday afternoon. There was James G. Hill and his manager, W. W. Duncan, a couple of republican lesser lights and nearly all the republican officials in city hall and for quite a few minutes in the corridor near the city clerks' office they had their heads together.

A few minutes later it was announced that the republican city committee had filed petitions for a recount of all the votes cast for mayor and for all the votes cast for aldermen.

It was explained that the aldermanic recount was asked on the ground that if the precinct officers of five wards had made errors that could be seen on the surface there is a fair certainty that more errors underneath the surface would be brought out by a recount. The mayoralty recount is asked on similar grounds though no errors on the surface were discovered in the mayoralty count. Few if any believe that the recount will make any material change in the situation though like the pitch player who would count for game if he only had four in his pile, the republicans are not going to have Hill go down without knowing all the whys and wherefores.

The registrars met at 5 o'clock last evening at city hall and found the petitions properly made out. They then voted to recount the votes on Monday.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Garfield Purple Star No. 175, L. O. L. held their regular monthly meeting last evening in Pilgrim hall. It being the annual election of officers, the attendance was exceedingly large. Considerable routine business of interest to members only was transacted. There were more than two and three candidates for each office. The election was a spirited one.

The following were chosen: Worthy master, Samuel Murray; D. M., James McCormack; first committeeman, Alex. Russell; recording secretary, Duncan McEachern; treasurer, James Robinson; chaplain, John Wylie; D. of C., Robert Shaw; tyler, James Clark; trustee, Wm. Reid; delegate to State Grand lodge, Robert Shaw. Mr. Murray, the newly elected master, is the youngest master in the state. He has been secretary for the past year and has filled that office with credit to himself and the lodge. Two new members were initiated and one application received.

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Branch Street—Middlesex st. at easterly junction of Branch and Middlesex st. Rev. Asa R. Dilts, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, Young People's meeting at 5.45, evening service at 6.30.

Morning, "What is the Harm?" evening, "Does Death End All?"

Chelmsford Street Freewill—Chelmsford st., cor. Plain, Rev. Albert E. Kenyon, pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Sunday school at noon.

Evening, service will be conducted by Salvation Army.

Fifth Street—West Fifth st. Rev. Orville Coats, pastor, 727 Bridge st. Morning service at 10.30. Bible school at 12, evening service at 6.30.

First—George st., cor. Church st. Rev. Smith T. Ford, D.D., pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Sunday school at 12. Junior Young People's society at 5.15, evening service at 6.30.

Morning, "Savages, Citizens and Saints"; evening, "Alone With Conscience."

First Freewill—Paige st., Rev. D. B. Martin, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, evening service 6.30.

Morning, "Doers of the Word," second in series of sermons on "The Biblical Life;" evening subject, "Christ Died for Us."

French Baptist Church—Ennell st., cor. West Sixth, Rev. Isaac LaFleur, pastor.

Hadley Street Freewill Baptist—E. W. Puffer, pastor.

Immanuel—Blossom st. Rev. Robert F. True, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Y.P.S.C.E. at 5.30, evening service at 6.30.

Mt. Vernon Free Baptist—Mt. Vernon cor. Butterfield st. Rev. F. E. Carver, pastor.

North Billerica—Rev. Chester Howe, pastor.

Morning, "True Christmas Giving;" evening, "The King's Highway."

North Tewksbury Baptist, Rev. C. L. Pierce, pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Evening at 6.30.

Worthen Street—Rev. Arthur P. Wedge, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, evening service at 6.34, C.E. meeting 5.15.

Morning, "Hope;" evening, "The Soft South Wind."

CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

Fourth Sunday of Advent. Gospel to be read in the mass and to be the general subject of sermons taken from St. Luke iii, 1-6.

St. Patrick's—Masses will be sung in the basement at 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. The 10 o'clock mass will be exclusively for the children, while the 11 o'clock mass will replace the usual high mass.

St. Peter's—Gorham st. Rev. Michael Ronan, rector. First mass at 6, second mass at 7, third mass at 8 (new church), children's mass at 9 (old church), fourth mass at 9, high mass and sermon at 10.30, Sunday school at 2, vespers at 7.

St. Michael's—Sixth st. Rev. John J. Shaw, pastor. First mass at 6.30, children's mass at 8.15, second mass at 9, high mass and sermon at 10.30. Sunday school at 1.30, vespers at 3.

Immaculate Conception (Oblate Fathers), East Merrimack st. between Brown and High, Rev. E. A. Dorgan, O.M.I., pastor. First mass at 6, second mass at 7.30, children's mass at 9, high mass and sermon at 10.30, Sunday school at 2, vespers at 6.30.

Church of the Sacred Heart (Oblate Fathers), Moore st., opp. Andrews st., Rev. John P. Reynolds, O.M.I., pastor. First mass at 6, children's mass at 8, second mass at 9, high mass and sermon at 10.30, Sunday school at 2, vespers at 6.30.

St. Jean Baptiste (Oblate Fathers), Merrimack st., cor. Aiken. Rev. Joseph Mangin, O.M.I., rector. First mass at 7, children's mass at 8.30, high mass with sermon at 10, vespers at 6.30.

St. Joseph's (Oblate Fathers), Lee st. Rev. Leon Lamothe, O.M.I., rector. First mass at 7, second mass at 8.30, high mass and sermon at 10, vespers at 3.

St. Louis—West Sixth st., Rev. J. N. Jacques, rector. First mass at 7, second mass at 8.30, high mass and sermon at 10, vespers at 3.

St. Anthony's (Portuguese,) Gorham st., cor. Congress. Rev. Joaquin V. Rosa, pastor. First mass at 8, second mass at 9, and high mass and sermon at 10.30, vespers at 3.30.

Church of the Holy Trinity (Polish) High st.—First mass at 8, high mass and sermon at 10.30, vespers at 4.

CONGREGATIONAL

Central Congregational church, Chelmsford; Rev. A. F. Earnshaw, pastor.

Centre—Dracut. Morning service at 10.45, Sunday school at 12, evening service at 7.

Rev. A. Herbert Armes of Carlisle will preach morning and evening.

Eliot—Summer st., cor. Favor, Rev. E. Victor Bigelow, pastor, Rev. J. M. Greene, D.D., pastor emeritus. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, Y.P.S.C.E. at 6, evening service at 7.

Morning, "Incarnation; Man's Gain;" 6 p. m., "Central American Life," by Miss Grace Eaton, 7 p. m., stereopticon, "The Holy Child."

Evangelical—Tyngsboro, Rev. Sarah A. Dixon, pastor. Morning service at 10.45, Sunday school at 12, Y.P.S.C.E. at 6.30, evening service at 7.

First—Merrimack st. opp. public library, Rev. Ralph Gillam, acting pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, Y.P.S.C.E. at 5.30, evening at 6.30.

Morning, preaching by Rev. J. M. Greene, D.D. Subject, "The Christian Ideal;" evening, union missionary service. Address by Rev. Robert A. Hume, D.D. Subject, "The Old, Old Story in India."

First Trinitarian—Dutton st., cor. Music Hall av. Rev. Geo. F. Kenngott, pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Sunday school at 12, evening service at 7.

Morning, "What of the Family, Church and State?" evening, "Jacob and Esau, Brothers."

French—Bowers st., cor. Fletcher, Rev. T. G. A. Cole, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, evening service at 6.30.

High Street—East Merrimack st., cor. High. Rev. C. W. Huntington, D.D., pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Sunday school at 12. Y.P.S.C.E. at 6.15, evening service at 7.

Highland—Westford st., cor. South Canton. Rev. T. Clayton Welles, pastor. Morning prayer at 10.10, sermon at 10.30. Sunday school at 12, evening at 6.30.

Morning, preaching by Rev. Robert Allen Hume, D.D.; evening, union service at First Congregational church, to be addressed by Rev. Dr. Hume.

Hillside, Dracut—Rev. J. A. McKnight, pastor. Services at 10.30; Sunday school and pastor's class at 12; Y.P.S.C.E. at 6.15; evening service at 7.

Morning, "Creed Vs. Conduct;" evening, C.E. at 6.15. Lecture by pastor at 7. Subject, "A Safe Rule to Follow."

Kirk Street—Kirk st. opp. French. Rev. Geo. E. Martin, D.D., pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, evening service at 6.30.

Pawtucket—Pawtucket sq. Rev. Edwin R. Smith, minister. Morning worship at 10.30, Sunday school at 12. Y.P.S.C.E. at 6, evening service at 7.

Morning, "The Authority of Jesus;" evening service omitted for union meeting in First Congregational church.

Pelham Church—Rev. J. L. Hoyle, pastor. Preaching at 10.45, Sunday school 12.

Second Congregational church, North Chelmsford, Rev. D. A. Hudson, pastor.

Swedish—London st. Rev. F. A. Lindholm pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, evening service at 7.

Tewksbury Congregational—Morning services at 10.30. Sunday school at 12, evening service at 6.30.

EPISCOPAL.

All Saints—Chelmsford. Services and sermon at 10.45, Sunday school at 12, evening service at 7, Holy Communion at 10, first Sunday in the month 10.45.

House of Prayer, Walker st., Rev. A. C. Chapman, priest in charge—High mass, 10.30; vespers 7. First Sunday in month—low mass at 8.

St. Anne's church—Holy communion, 7.15. Full service and sermon, 10.30. Evening prayer and sermon at 7. Sunday school at 12.

St. John's—Gorham st. near court house, Rev. Leander C. Manchester, rector—Morning service at 10.30; Sunday school at 12, evening service at 6.30. Communion first and third Sundays and on the greater festivals.

LUTHERAN.

Swedish—Meadowcroft st., near Moore, Rev. P. E. Asley, pastor. Sunday school at 9, morning service at 10.30, evening service at 7.

METHODIST.

Berean Primitive—Moore st., near Lawrence, Rev. D. Markham, pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Sunday school at 12, evening service at 6.30.

Central Methodist—Paige st., cor. John, Rev. W. W. Shenk, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, Epworth League 5.30, evening service at 6.30.

Centralville M. E.—Bridge st., cor. Hildreth, Rev. F. M. Pickles pastor. Preaching at 10.30 and 6.45, Sunday school at 12, Epworth League at 6.

Morning, sermon by Rev. E. P. Herrick of Worthen Street M. E. church; evening, sermon by the pastor.

First Primitive—Gorham st., cor. Ellsworth, Rev. Nathaniel W. Matthews, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday schol at 12, evening service at 6.30.

Morning, "Soldiers of Christ"; evening, "Life Like Passing Ships."

First Swedish—Moore st., cor. Bourne, Rev. Oscar W. Johnson, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 2, evening service at 6.30.

Highland—Loring st., cor Grove. Rev. B. F. Kingsley, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, evening service at 6.30.

Morning, "A Satisfied Soul"; evening, "Not Far from the Kingdom."

St. Paul's—Junction of Hurd and Warren sts., Rev. Geo. B. Dean, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school and Bible class at 12, evening service at 6.30.

Morning, "Restoring a Lost Art;" evening, "A Gospel that Needs No Apology."

Worthen Street—Rev. E. P. Herrick, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12, Epworth league at 5.30, evening service at 6.30.

Preaching at 10.30 a. m. by Rev. F. M. Pickles in exchange with the pastor. People's service at 6.30 in charge of Mr. Herrick. Subject, "The Glorious Gospel."

MINISTRY-AT-LARGE.

Free Church—Middlesex st., near South Rev. Geo. C. Wright, minister. Church service at 10.45. Young People's service, 12.

Morning, "Bringing Out the Features of the Divine Portrait."

PRESBYTERIAN.

First—Appleton st., cor Davis, Rev. James M. Craig, pastor. Morning service at 10.30; Sunday school at 12; evening at 7.

Morning, "The King Cometh"; evening, "The New Man."

Westminster United Presbyterian, Tyler st. Hours of service 10.30 and 7.

Morning, "On the Eve of Christmas; evening, "What Will Thou Have Me to Do?"

UNITARIAN.

Chelmsford Centre Unitarian—Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff, pastor. Morning service at 10.45. Young people's guild at 7.

First—Merrimack st., opp. John, Rev. Chas. T. Billings, pastor. Regular morning service at 10.45, Sunday school after morning service.

Morning, "The Life That Knows No Fear."

UNIVERSALIST.

First—Hurd st., Rev. Caleb E. Fisher, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Y.P.S.C.E. at 6.

Morning, "How Can We Enter the Kingdom of Heaven?"

Grace—Princeton st., cor. South Canton, Rev. Ransom A. Greene, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 12.

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This company has played to very large houses since its opening performance on Thursday afternoon, and the advance sale for this afternoon and evening has been very large. Those who wish to attend one of the performances today should make early application at the box office.

STRONG CHARGES

Against Mayor-Elect of Marlboro

SAYS GENERAL PARSONS IS NOT A CITIZEN

That He Has Never Been Naturalized

MARLBORO, Dec. 17—The citizens of Marlboro are excited over statements relative to the alleged ineligibility of Gen. Henry Parsons to properly qualify as mayor of the city on Jan. 1.

It is also currently reported that Mayor F. R. S. Mildon has engaged counsel to determine whether he is legally elected mayor, and if not to inquire into the status of Gen. Parsons.

It is alleged that Gen. Parsons is not naturalized on the one hand, and on the other that he cannot therefore become mayor.

The recent municipal election was one of the bitterest in the annals of the city. Gen. Parsons in a spirited contest for the nomination defeated Ex-Mayor Walter B. Morse and Alderman R. O. Clark by a large vote and became the republican nominee in the caucuses. Pitted against him was Mayor F. R. S. Mildon, the democratic and independent republican candidate. The contest was waged with great energy and much bitterness.

Mayor Mildon was defeated by 115 votes, and a recount was held and he was defeated according to the returns by 124 votes. There was much feeling exhibited at the result of the election and various rumors were placed in circulation tending to affect Gen. Parsons' standing as a citizen, and a published statement yesterday relative to the matter drew from Attorney Winfield Temple, Gen. Parsons' manager in the campaign, the following statement last evening:

"Gen. Henry Parsons has nothing to say and considers the whole matter beneath his attention, believing that it is nothing but an attempt to injure him. The whole story is a fabrication from beginning to end, and Gen. Parsons is a citizen of the United States and will take the chair when the time comes."

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BILLERICA

The committee on the 250th anniversary of the town of Billerica has found that it will take $3000 to meet the expenses incurred in the proposed celebration. At the last town meeting the sum of $500 was raised to assist the committee in carrying out the plans, and it is expected that a similar amount can be raised in different ways, leaving the sum of $2000 to the vote of the citizens at the town meeting in March.

The executive committee has made out a synopsis of the program which will be as follows:

Sunday, May 28th, union religious service in tent, morning and evening; Monday, May 29th, ringing of bells, sunrise and sunset; morning—exercises in tent, consisting of music by the band, prayer, songs by the school children, addresses by the president of the day, and by the governor, oration, etc.; at noon there will be a public dinner, in tent, with speaking. A reception will be given to the governor in town hall at close of dinner, and band concert on the common; also fireworks and band concert in the evening. On Tuesday, which is Memorial day, in addition to the customary services at the local burying grounds, a list of sports will be included, which will prove a fitting climax to the celebration. The general committee in charge numbers over a hundred members, being sub-divided into 14 sub-committees and an executive committee. If present plans do not fail, the anniversary festivities will rival anything of like nature ever held in the state.

The class of 1905 of the Howe High school held a very pleasant social in Smith's hall at Jones' corner last evening, there being about 75 people present. The affair was very successful and dancing was enjoyed until midnight.

Talbot lodge, No. 41, New England Order of Protection, elected their officers for the ensuing year, at the regular meeting Thursday night, as follows:

Warden, Mrs. Wm. H. Hutchins; vice warden, Mrs. I. M. Brown; secretary, A. H. Andrews; financial secretary, Mrs. I. J. Benson; treasurer, T. F. Lyons; guardian, Fred Pasho; guide, W. H. Sexton; sentinel, E. Peterson; chaplain, Mrs. A. M. Spaulding, and trustee for three years, T. Emery Smith.

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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

THE SALE OF THE JOHN I. COGGESHALL PAINTINGS AND WATER COLORS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE ART GALLERIES, CENTRAL BLOCK, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS, DECEMBER 21 AND 22, BEGINNING PROMPTLY AT 3 O'CLOCK EACH AFTERNOON. THERE ARE SOME ONE HUNDRED PICTURES IN ALL, REPRESENTING HOME, EUROPEAN AND ORIENTAL SCENES, IN ALL THEIR RICH AND BRILLIANT COLORINGS. THIS IS THE FIRST SALE BY MR. COGGESHALL IN LOWELL IN FOUR YEARS, AND WILL BE THE LAST PUBLIC SALE FOR MANY YEARS. THE EXHIBITION, TO WHICH ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED, IS CONTINUOUS FROM 9 A. M. TO 9 P. M. DAILY. THE CHARACTER AND DIGNITY OF THIS EXHIBITION HAVE NEVER BEEN EXCELLED IN LOWELL.

TUESDAY

We shall, on Tuesday, the 20th day of December, 1904, at one o'clock noon, upon the premises, High Street, at the corner of Blackstone Street, Central Falls, Rhode Island, regardless of weather conditions, make disposition at absolute auction sale, of our manufacturing plant (real estate), which is capable of utilization for almost any industrial purpose; also 3000 tons of Copper Slag. The entire property will be divided into six lots.

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LOT ONE—96,520 sq. ft. of land, upon which are 5 2-story heavy frame buildings (finished in single stories) 152x30 ft. 120x52 ft., 104x68 ft. 83x60 ft. and 62x50 ft.; brick engine and dynamo house, 90x45ft.; boiler house, 82x50 ft.; modern 2-story office building, 39x38 ft. with 4 offices, toilet room and large hall on each floor, and large vault on lower floor; 148-ft. brick chimney, with 15x15 ft. base; Fairbanks dormant scales and hydraulic elevators in the buildings; large shipping and storage sheds with the spur track; immense coal bin beside spur track; the right to take water from the Blackstone river and empty into the same.

LOT TWO—97,880 sq. ft. of land, with heavy frame building, 122x47 ft., part one and part two stories high. In the building is a hydraulic elevator and set of Fairbanks dormant scales; a frame 2½ story building, 57x41 ft. and small single-story building; the land has a frontage of 332 feet on the railroad.

LOTS THREE, FOUR AND FIVE—Have areas of about 30,000 sq. ft. each, and have frontages on Blackstone, High and Algan sts., and on Blackstone river; they have all municipal advantages, and are very desirable tracts for manufacturing purposes.

LOT SIX—3000 or more tons of copper slag, samples of which have assayed 4.19 per cent. of copper, 3.07 ounces of silver, and .276 ounces of gold per ton.

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